

The Galatians And The Truth

Galatians 3:1-3

Intro:

- A. Paul had preached the truth to them.
 - 1. He preached the true gospel. Vs. 1:11-12
 - 2. It is the only gospel. 1:6-7
- B. They were being troubled by false brethren.
 - 1. Someone was bewitching them. 3:1
 - 2. Someone was hindering them. 5:7
 - 3. The Judaizers were confusing them.

I. Paul's Statement Of Fact.

- A. **Vs. 1a "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you,"**
 - 1. "Foolish" = ανοητος = "never applying the mind", "without thinking", "the absence of wisdom".
 - 2. "Bewitched" = βασκαυνω = "to cast a magic spell", "to put the evil eye on a person". Paul, is of course being sarcastic.
 - 3. "You stupid Galatians! You must have been bewitched" - NEB
- B. **Vs. 1a "...that ye should not obey the truth,"**
 - 1. "Obey" = πειθω = "win by words", "persuade".
 - 2. "Truth" = αληθεια = "Veritable essence"
 - 3. "That you should refuse your loyalty to the truth".
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 - 4. They were easily persuaded by the hucksters to abandon or pervert the truth, why couldn't they just as easily be persuaded to loyalty?
- C. **Vs. 1b They had seen Jesus crucified.**
 - 1. προγραφω = "to write before or in public".
 - 2. They had seen Jesus crucified either by reading or hearing read a vivid account of His crucifixion or in the act of baptism.
 - 3. Did they not see themselves, "crucified with Christ"?

II. The Unanswerable Questions.

- A. **Vs. 2 "This only would I learn of you,"**
 - 1. "Learn" = μαθανω = "to learn from another".
 - 2. "One question I would ask of you." - Con.
- B. **"Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law,"**

1. "Received" = λαμβανω = "to receive".
 2. "Works" = εργον = "the thing produced".
 3. "did you receive what the Holy Spirit can do for you by keeping the law"?
- C. **"...or by the hearing of faith".**
1. "or because you heard and received the truth by faith"?
 2. "...or by believing the gospel message"?
- D. **Vs. 3 "Are ye so foolish?"**
1. "Foolish" = (See I,A,1)
 2. Are you so senseless?
- E. **"...having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh"?**
1. "Perfect" = επιτελεω = "to complete".
 2. "You started in the Spirit, will the flesh complete the work"?