TSRG#4: Galatians 3:1-9 "FAITH FROM START TO FINISH"

NOT LOST COST THAT'S PAID FOR FREEDOM. More than million Americans died in wartime service to country. We live freely because of the cost someone else was wiling to pay. The freedoms we enjoy have come at an enormous price. PRINCIPLE: FREEDOM ALWAYS COSTS. WE HONOR THOSE TODAY. PAUL MAKE SIMILAR POINT TO JC. freedom Through his sacrifice frees all those who come to him in faith. Jesus didn't leave anything for you to pay.

- When you pay the bill for dinner and someone wants to cover tip – NO ITS ALL PAID. NOTHING LEFT. Jesus hasn't left anything for u to pay. Can't tip his work
- **Ppl who received the Spirit through faith being persuaded that law observance is necessary to complete their standing as God's people.**

LEFT QUESTION: DO WE REALY ALREADY BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF GOD or NOT.

- Can't have both if we are justified by works of law then Christ died in vain.

MP: Faith in Christ isn't just how we begin—it's how we continue and how we finish.

REMEMBER THE MESSAGE I PREACHED TO YOU

Oh Foolish Galatians who has bewitched you – reality of his deep concern for them

Foolish Galatians: living contradiction (to the law) - **Who has Bewitched you**:

- Galatians have yielded to deceivers and their influence – even after Christ clearly set before them (publically portrayed as crucified
    - Central Paul's preaching – Corinth –

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

- Not that they saw but Paul preached - revelation of spirit – ACTS 2 SHOCK

Don't boil Xianity down good works, self help, insp talk. **CHRIST'S CROSS R MESSAGE**

FAITH IS HOW THE WORK BEGINS, CONTINUES AND ENDS

HOW DID YOU RECEIVE THE SPIRIT?

The birth of these churches was through the power and simplicity of faith in the gospel.

- Wasn't theoretical it was experiential. **LIKE HOUSE OF CORNELIUS. LIKE U**
    - Do you remember how good God was to you in first moments of faith

ARE YOU FINISHING IN THE FLESH WHAT BEGAN IN THE SPIRIT

Think – perfecting the perfect work of God through the imperfection of humanity. **NO**

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- Continue in faith. Finishing in faith. Finishing more dependent on Jesus alone then when I began **(THE OLDER I GET THE MORE I WANT THIS)**

WAS YOUR SUFFERING IN VAIN? If it was in vain

- Hardship endured for the real gospel. UNCLEAR WHAT SPECIFICALLY – all you have endured is on the line

- HOPE FOR THEM…. BELIEVING FOR THEM TO WALK IN TRUE FAITH

HE WHO SUPPLIES THE SPIRIT AND WORK MIRACLES – LAW OR FAITH?

- Life Giving Work of the Spirit – HE WHO SUPPLIES – WHAT JESUS PROMISED

John 7:37 If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive. **ANYONE WHO IS THIRSTY. COME. DRINK.**

HOW ABRAHAM IS OUR PROTOTYPE

Paul's Goal: These Gentiles already children of Abraham by faith. No Circ. Needed.
Abraham scriptural precedent – BEFORE THE LAW WAS GIVEN/CIRCUMCISION

- Story of AbeGenesis – WAITING. STRUGGLING. DOUBTING. IN HIS TENT. GOD "STEP OUTSIDE AND COUNT THE STARS"

Genesis 15:6 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

- Choice that Abe made in the midst of his doubt. Today. Can God really save me. Forgive me. Change me. Give me a new beginning.
  - RESOLVE TO CHOOSE: God Said It. I Believe it. That settles it.
  - God knew this – which is why the declaration "in you all nations blessed" – chose Abraham as a living example that we would follow –

MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH

We haven't become so sophisticated in our abilities and our talents that we think we can add to Christ's work. NO WE HAVE BECOME MORE DEPENDENT

Let the world call it foolishness. We have put our faith in the crucified Christ, and we will not turn back. We began by trusting him. We will continue to trust in Him. And we will finish by trusting him.

What's left for you to do is trust Him. Jesus hasn't left anything on the table for you to pay.