

# Revolution Grace

## Week 1: Don't Be Bewitched!

**This Week's Scripture Reading:** Galatians 3-6, Ephesians 1-6, Philipians 1-4 and Psalm 6-12

### **Galatians 3:1-6 (NIV)**

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. <sup>2</sup> I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort? <sup>4</sup> Have you suffered so much for nothing--if it really was for nothing? <sup>5</sup> Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard? <sup>6</sup> Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

You Foolish Galatians!

Foolish Defined: Unintelligent - Sensual - Unwise

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Are You So Foolish?

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### **Galatians 3:7-9 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." <sup>9</sup> So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

### **John 5:45 (NIV)**

"But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set.

### **Galatians 3:10-14 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." <sup>11</sup> Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." <sup>12</sup> The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." <sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." <sup>14</sup> He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

### **The 5 Truths Of This Passage:**

1. All Who Rely On Observing Are Under A Curse! - v. 10

#### **1 Corinthians 15:56 (NIV)**

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

2. No One Is Justified Before God By The Law, But Instead By Faith! - v. 11

#### **Romans 3:21-22a, 28 (NIV)**

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. . . . <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

3. The Law Is Not Based On Faith! - v. 12

#### **Galatians 3:24 (NIV)**

The law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

4. Christ Came To Redeem Us From This Curse Of The Law! - v. 13

#### **John 1:17 (NIV)**

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

5. Our Reception Of The Blessings Of Abraham And The Promise Of The Holy Spirit Happen By Faith - Not By The Law! - v. 14

#### **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

## **2 Powerful Life Changing Points:**

1. Good Works Get You Nowhere With God!
2. God Only Accepts Those Who Live By Faith!

## **Today's Truth Statement:**

Those Who Think They Are "Christians" By What They Do Or Don't Do,  
Should Understand They Are Not "Christians" For They Righteous Live By Faith!

## **Questions:**

- What One Truth Or Statement Impacted You Most?
- How Would You Personally Feel If Your Pastor Called You Foolish In Your Spiritual Understanding?
- Why Did Paul Say That The Galatians Had Been Bewitched?
- Why Are We So Easily Enticed To Move From Belief In God, To Belief In Self?
- Why Does The Church Often Use The Term "Falling Away" To Describe Someone Who No Longer Goes To Church? What Does This Say About Our Spiritual Understanding Of God's Grace?
- How Does The Statement - All Who Rely On Observing The Law Are Under A Curse - Make You Feel?
- Is It Possible To Live Free And Live By The Law?
- Which Takes More Faith - Living By The Law, Or Living By The Spirit? Why?

**Next Week Reading: Col 1-4, 1 Thess 1-5, 2 Thess 1-3, 1Tim 1-2, Psalm 13-19**