

Start and Finish with Faith

- Galatians 3v1-14

Foolish!

The Christians in Galatia had followed a false gospel. We need to be careful we don't do the same.

F_____ is the means by which we _____ into our relationship with God, and F_____ is the means by which we _____ out that relationship.

Two things we are going to look at:

Living by Faith

The whole of the Christian life can be summarised by one small word – Faith.

Faith not in ourselves but Faith in the work of Christ.

First we receive the Spirit by faith

Hearing the gospel

What did Jesus cry out as he died: *'It is F_____!'*

What did that mean?

'The gospel is not good a_____, but a d_____ of what God has done. Christ did everything necessary for our salvation.' Stott.

Believing the gospel

Belief is f_____ in the f_____ work of Christ.

'The law requires w_____ of human achievement; the gospel requires f_____ in Christ's achievement. Believing is to let Christ be our saviour and to rest in his finished work.' Stott

Receiving the Spirit

The Spirit in our life is God's g_____ and g_____ gift.

Second we experience the Spirit by faith

Experience the Spirit

The Spirit is not a r_____ lodger; He is actively r_____ our lives.

Believing the Gospel

Why does the Spirit work in our lives?

The Spirit works in us because we are _____ and not because we have _____

The Spirit's work is always God's gracious gift.

Hearing the Gospel

The gospel and the Spirit are not separate and different ways of God's work – they operate together. The Spirit shows us our true selves and works in us to bring about change.

Salvation by Faith

Salvation is a once and for all life experience. It's not something God starts and we now finish. It is a gift from God, from b_____ to e_____ and we receive all its blessings by faith.

Salvations plan

Faith has always been God's way of salvation.

Was God impressed with Abrahams faith?

What was Abrahams faith like?

God declared a man with _____ faith to be righteous and acceptable.

Is there any difference how God saved people in the Old Testament and how he saves today?

Abraham believed the same Gospel as what we believe. Abraham looked forward in Faith to what God would do. We look back in Faith to what God has done in Christ. Salvation is always by faith.

First we can go on living by works

If we try to live by work's we are under a curse in two ways:

It will c_____ you.

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Second we can go on living by faith

R_____ from the c_____

'Whatever sins I, you, or we all have done, or shall do hereafter, they are Christ's own sins, or else we would perish forever.'

E_____ by the S_____

We are not p_____ with God in our salvation. We are r_____ of his blessings.