

DO YOU WANT TO BE FREE?

## **BREAKING THE SPELL**

Galatians 3:1-14

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*Oh, foolish Galatians! What magician has cast an evil spell on you? Galatians 3:1*

### **Why is a legalistic, works salvation God so appealing?**

1. It appeals to the flesh and the boastful pride of life.
2. It appeals to the physical senses.
3. It appeals to our desire to compare and keep score.

### **How do you break the spell of a legalistic, works salvation?**

#### **1. Understand how the Christian life starts.**

*You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Galatians 3:1-2*

- A. It is rooted in the death, burial, and empty tomb of Christ.
- B. It is a result of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
- C. It brings us the Holy Spirit.

*In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:13-14*

#### **2. Understand how the Christian life grows.**

- A. It grows by walking in the Spirit, not working in the flesh.

*Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Did you suffer so many things in vain - if indeed it was in vain? Galatians 3:4-5*

B. It grows by letting Christ live through you by faith.  
*Does He then, who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Galatians 3:5*

C. It stops growing the moment you get in the flesh.  
*... and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:8*

**How can you tell if you have the real thing and going in the right direction?**

**You have the fruit of the Spirit present in your life.**