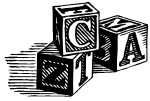


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "Paul's Application of Justification in the Life of the Believer: The Insidious Nature of Theological Error," (Galatians 5:2-12).



Basic Ideas from Galatians 5:2-12.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the full sufficiency of Christ and that anything other than Him is lacking.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose Him for our preservation and our perseverance.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy resting in His finished work.



Basic Questions from Galatians 5:2-12.

1. What does Paul bring out as perhaps the key issue with the false brethren?
2. What do you think Paul meant when he said, "Christ will be of no benefit to you?"
3. What point does Paul bring out concerning the law in verse 3?
4. What kind of language does Paul use to describe those who seek justification by the Law?
5. What are your thoughts concerning the following statements: "deserting Christ" (1:6), "severed from Christ" and "fallen from grace"?
6. Once you are justified by grace through faith in Christ, what are you now to be "doing?" (v. 5)
7. What do you think Paul meant when he said, "Faith working through love?"
8. Verse 7 suggests those to whom Paul spoke had already begun the race. What was his concern?
9. Who are those hinder them from obeying the truth?
10. What do you think Paul meant when he said, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?" Do you think this has anything to do with 4:30?
11. In all of Paul's challenges what is his conclusion in verse 10?
12. Notice again the strong language Paul uses for those who would pervert the gospel/Christ (v. 12).



The **Basic Application** from Galatians 5:2-12.

1. "The believer who abandons grace for law is a slave, a pauper, and a runner on a detour. In short, he is a loser. And the only way to become a winner is to 'purge out the leaven,' the false doctrine that mixes law and grace, and yield to the Spirit of God." (Wiersbe, *Galatians*, 123).

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2. We must purge from ourselves any confidence we have in our flesh.
3. We must rest with confidence in the ability of God.
4. We must guard ourselves against a false spirituality.
5. We must learn not to tolerate error in our midst.
6. The church is unsinkable though a church can go down. God uses the daily attentiveness of His people to theological detail to sustain a church. May God keep us alert and focused.