

Living Word Church  
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Justified: A Study of Galatians  
Galatians 3:10-11

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”

Galatians 3

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you [a]that you should not obey the truth, **before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed [b]among you as crucified?**

2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

4 Have you suffered so [c]many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—

6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

8 And the Scripture, **foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.”** 9 So then those who are of faith are **blessed with believing Abraham.**

Intro: Like a billboard on the interstate gives hope of what is to come, the cross is our sign to place faith in Christ.

Faith always outperforms works.

**Question #1: The cross is our sign for repentance and forgiveness, what keeps people from accepting Christ?**

I. We hear by Faith.

- The gospel sparks controversy.
- Faith comes by hearing and hearing of the Word of God (Romans 10:17).
- God works miracles and provides His Spirit through faith.

II. We live by Faith.

- By grace, we are saved through faith (Ephesians 2:8).

### Living by Faith

Two awesome scriptures that speak of faith and works. We are not saved by our works but our works should be done through faith.

Romans 3:28 <sup>28</sup> Therefore we conclude that a man is <sup>[a]</sup>justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

James 2:24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

It may sound like a contradiction but it is not because the scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit. Rather, it is two writings with two different aspects of the same subject. Paul is telling us that salvation is by faith

alone and not by works...James is insisting that a faith that is genuine will result in good works.

- The same faith that brought salvation to you is the faith needed to live for Christ.
- Through Christ, you are redeemed from the curse of the law.

**Question #2: Our faith in Christ should produce good works, so why do people get that idea confused? How would you explain it to others?**

III. We receive by Faith.

- The promise of freedom from sin.
- The promise of Christ and His righteousness
- The promise of family.

**Question #3: If the promises of God are for His people, why do we have a difficult believing and receiving those promises?**

Promise of the Day

The Cross of Christ is my sign to surrender and put my faith in God. I place my hope in the One who saves and redeems my life. I can live and walk by faith in Christ. All of the promises of God are given to me by faith in Christ.