

## **Galatians 3:1-5** **Christian Experience**

**Introduction:** Throughout the history of the church, there have been tragic desertions from the purity of the gospel. Everything from legalistic systems of “do’s” and “don’ts” to bizarre, “second blessing” experiences. The Galatian believers had lost their joy, freedom, and peace when they fell for devilish trickery and schemes. Here, Paul appeals to experience with a series of questions.

### **I. The Believer’s Experience with *Christ* - v.1**

- A. Focus upon Experience** - “You foolish Galatians” “foolish” - *Anoetos*, does not mean mental deficiency but “mental laziness, and carelessness.”
  - 1. Paul’s foolishness before conversion - Tit. 3:3
  - 2. Emmaus Men - Lk. 24:25 - Eph. 4:14
- B. Renewed Minds** - Rom. 12:1,2; Eph. 4:23; Col. 3:10
  - 1. Gird Your Mind - I Pet. 1:13
  - 2. “Charismatic Chaos” – John MacArthur
- C. Bewitched People** - bewitched = *bakaino*: “to charm or fascinate in a misleading way”
  - 1. Attracted to Ritual and Fleshy Ceremonies
  - 2. Attracted to Relics - Calvin’s Sermon
- D. Christ Revealed** - “publicly portrayed” - *prographo*
  - 1. Historical Fact - “crucified” is in the Perfect Tense - I John 1:9
  - 2. The Wooden Cross

### **II. The Believer’s Experience with *The Holy Spirit* - v.2-4**

- A. Major Questions????**
  - 1. Proof of your Salvation - Indwelling Spirit; Rom. 8:16; I Jn. 4:13 cf. I Jn. 3:24
  - 2. The Indwelling Spirit is inseparable from the new birth  
Turn to Ephesians 1:13,14 “pledge” - “*arrabon*” - a binding guarantee
- B. Did you receive the Spirit?**
  - 1. Peter’s teaching Cornelius - Acts 15:7,8
  - 2. Disciples of John the Baptizer - Acts 19:1-6 cf. 10: 44,45
  - 3. Leon Morris - John Mac Arthur
  - 4. Paul’s Reasoning - v.3

### **III. The Believer’s Experience with *The Father* - v.5**

- A. The Father’s Promise** - Acts 1:4; John 15:26; 16:13
  - 1. Great Generosity - Lk. 11:13
  - 2. Great Provision - “provides” a groom’s vow to his bride
- B. The Father’s Power** - I Cor. 2:4; Eph. 3:20
  - 1. Paul’s Powerful and Persuasive Argument
  - 2. The Hearing of Faith - *akouo*

