

EXPLORING GALATIANS

Part 3

HUMAN EFFORT

Galatians 3:1-3 NLT Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own **human effort**?

Galatians 3:10 NIV For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."

James 2:10 NIV For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

✓ The law couldn't **be obeyed**.

Galatians 3:19 NIV Why, then, was the law given at all?

Galatians 3:24-25 NIV So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

✓ The law leads us **to Christ**.

Galatians 3:24 NLT The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

LIVING IN GRACE

1. Grace is a free **gift**.

Romans 6:23 NIV For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Grace is **received** by faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 4:16 NCV People receive God's promise by having faith.

3. Grace is **available** to everyone.

Romans 10:13 NIV Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

4. Grace comes only through **Christ**.

John 1:17 NIV For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:15 NCV ... many people have received God's gift of life by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ.

Galatians 2:21 NLT Don't treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if we could be saved by keeping the law, then there was no need for Christ to die.

5. Grace is extended throughout **eternity**.

John 3:16 NIV For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

THE RESULT

Titus 2:11-12 NIV For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

Grace: When what you **ought to do** becomes what you **want to do**.