



## Don't Forget the Change (Part 1)

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### Galatians 3:1



**1** O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? **2** This is the only thing I want to learn from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law or by hearing with faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit are you now being perfected by the

flesh? **4** Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? **5** Consequently, does He provide you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the Law or by hearing with faith?

– Galatians 3:1-5, translated by T. Bartolucci

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### *Justification by Faith Alone: Don't Forget the Change*

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#### *Introduction (key words and concepts):*

1. What is a rhetorical question?
2. The 6 rhetorical questions of 3:1-5
3. Paul's unfolding argument beginning back in chapter 1:11 - 2:21
4. 2:16 - Paul's main thesis: justification by faith alone
5. Chapters 3-4 form the *probatio* (Latin "proof") of Paul's main thesis
6. Objective truth vs. subjective experience
7. Paul presumes that the Galatians were converted (comparing 3:1-5 to 2 Corinthians 13:5-6)
8. Trinitarian structure of verses 1-5

### **I. Paul's First Defense of Justification by Faith Alone: Don't Forget the Change (3:1-5)**

#### **A. Has Christ Changed You? (3:1)**

1. First Question: *Who Duped You?*

#### **B. Has the Holy Spirit Changed You? (3:2-4)**

1. Second Question: *Did You Receive the Spirit by Doing or Believing?* (v. 2)
2. Third Question: *Are You Really That Foolish?* (v. 3a)
3. Fourth Question: *Can Your Efforts Perfect What the Spirit Began?* (v. 3b)
4. Fifth Question: *Did You Suffering For Nothing?* (v. 4)

#### **C. Has the Father Changed You? (3:5)**

1. Sixth Question: *Does He Provide the Spirit by Your Doing or Believing?*