

## Perseverance by Faith and the Hope of Righteousness

#6 Christ-Shaped People: The Message of Galatians

*Galatians 3:1-9*

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The foolishness of the Galatian Christians (vv 1-5)

The righteousness of Abraham (vv 6-9)

### REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

**Monday:** Read Galatians 3:1. Name three ways that our society/culture tries to “bewitch” us away from the Gospel and make us “fools.” Pray for God’s discernment and protection from such influences.

**Tuesday:** Considering Galatians 3:1, how are you tempted to diminish the significance of the cross? What impact does that have on your life?

**Wednesday:** Read Galatians 3:2-3. Name one way you are tempted to achieve your growth in Christ (sanctification) through your own power, effort, and ability.

**Thursday:** Read Genesis 15:1-6 and Galatians 3:6. Before (and when, and after) God gave the Law, salvation was still by faith! Faith in God through His special revelation (His Word), which today is through Jesus Christ (His Living Word)!

**Friday:** Read Galatians 3:7-9 and Genesis 12:1-4. If you are a Jewish believer in Jesus, praise God for your heritage, salvation, and the radical inclusiveness of God. If you are a Gentile (non-Jew), praise God that we share the same heritage, salvation, and radical inclusiveness by faith in Christ.

**Saturday:** Read Galatians 3:10-14 and invite a friend to church with you!