



Paul's Letter to the Galatians

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Day 7 Galatians 3:1-6

Hard Questions

Go back to our passage today, and *read Galatians 3:2-3*. What does Paul say is a foolish thought? Why does Paul draw the distinction between Spirit and flesh?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. Why does Paul say he was given the “thorn”? What did Paul desire to be the resolution of this thorn? Did God do as Paul desired? What was God’s response? Why does Paul say that will make him boast all the more gladly in his weakness? What is Paul content with? Are these just general sufferings or not? How can Paul say that when he is weak, he is strong? What does this tell you about the ability to rely on our flesh for strength?

Read John 14:15-17. Read verse 15 slowly. This is a causal if/then statement. What is the “if”? What is the then? Can this be reversed? That is, can the then come before the “if”? On our behalf, Jesus makes a request of God. What was that request? What is this Helper called? Why can’t the world receive Him? Why will believers know this Helper? Can you force the Holy Spirit to dwell in you?

Read Hebrews 9:12-14. How many times did Christ, our mediator before God, enter into the holy places? By what means? What type of redemption did that secure? Was Christ’s sacrifice sufficient/enough?

Read Hebrews 9:24-28, and 10:11-14. What holy places did Christ enter into? Must He continue to do this? Did Christ meet His “goal”, or must it be repeated? What has His single offering accomplished?

As we can see from Hebrews, Christ's sacrifice was sufficient (enough) and complete (all done). We need no other sacrifice for our salvation; He has paid it once and for all.

As you spend time with God today, thank Him, again, for your salvation! Praise Him for His mercy, for providing a way for you to be reconciled to Him, for eternity. Praise Him for Christ's sufficient and complete sacrifice on your behalf. Ask yourself if you are living your life overflowing with the joy that comes from knowing you are reconciled to a holy God, or whether you are living a life of self-righteousness based on your own works and how good you are. Remember, the body of Christ is not a museum of saints but a hospital for sinners. Thank God for providing what was necessary to save a sinner like yourself.