

SPIRITUALITY BY HEARING OF FAITH

Sunday we studied Paul's unique use of the debater's technique of rhetorical questions. We studied how Paul used rhetorical questions within rhetorical questions to teach grace by faith as the common denominator between salvation (Gal.3:1-2) and **spirituality** (Gal.3:3-5).

This lesson will advance the study of **spirituality** by four rhetorical questions in (Gal.3:3-5).

- Q (Gal.3:3a) Are you so foolish?
Q (Gal.3:3b) After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?
Q (Gal.3:4) Have you experienced^[b] so much in vain—if it really was in vain?
Q (Gal.3:5) So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard

How you answer these four questions will determine whether you are doctrinally wise or foolish regarding the question I put to you now; as a believer in The Gospel of Jesus Christ, what do you have to do, or be, to be considered Spiritual?

We will study four aspects of Spirituality by Hearing of Faith.

1. The Galatians have become foolish because they have allowed themselves to be bewitched into evil thinking because of false teachings of the Judaizers.

They have attacked grace salvation and grace spirituality. They taught salvation by gospel plus works of Law (circumcision) (Acts 15:1; Gal.3:1-2). Salvation is 100% the work of Christ on cross (John 19:30; Eph.2:8-9; 1 John 2:2).

They have also attacked grace spirituality. They taught spirituality by the Indwelling Holy Spirit **plus** observance of the Law (Acts 15:5). Spiritual is 100% the work of indwelling Holy Spirit! (Gal.5:16; 1 Cor.3:16; Phil.3:3).

2. Not only did Paul answer how a person received the Holy Spirit (Gal.3:2; John 7:37-39), but also when he received it – at the moment of salvation - by the “hearing of faith” (Rom.8:9-11; John 14:16).

It is important to understand the 8 works of the Holy Spirit at salvation (50 Things).

Adoption	(Rom.8:15-17)	Sanctification	(2 Thess.2:13-14)
Baptism	(Gal.3:27)	Seals and earnest	(Eph.1:13-14)
Indwelling	(1 Cor.6:19-20)	Spiritual gifts	(1 Cor.12:11)
Regeneration	(Titus 3:5-7)	Spiritual life	(Rom.8:9-11)

“Having begun (enarchomai/ a.m.ptc.nplm/ en+archo) by the Spirit” is regeneration (Gal.3:3a)

3. The Judaizers were teaching that the CAB was perfected by the flesh or by observance of the Law (Acts 15:5; 21:21).

(Phil.1:6) “Are you now (nun/ temporal adverb) being perfected (epiteleo/ p.p.ind.2pl/ **to bring through to the end**) by the flesh (sarx/ inst.sm/ OSN)?”

