



**Sermon Outline**  
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**Faith Vs.**  
**Human Effort**

**Galatians 3**

### **The Case of Faith Vs. Human Effort**

**Paul makes his defense on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_:**

**\* He begins with a \_\_\_\_\_  
opening statement.**

**Galatians 3:1** - You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

**\* Followed by a series of pertinent  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Galatians 3:3-4** - Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain?

**\* Next Paul identifies \_\_\_\_\_  
as his key witness.**

**Galatians 3:6** - So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

**\* Abraham didn't just believe \_\_\_\_\_ God,  
he \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

**Romans 4:20-21** - Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised.

*\* Abraham's experience demonstrates that God is in the  
business of doing things we consider \_\_\_\_\_.*

**\* Then he highlights a curse and the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the curse.**

**Galatians 3:10** - 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."

**Galatians 3:13** - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

### **Some significant distinctions:**

**1. The law can't make you good. It's intended to keep  
you from \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Romans 7:7b** - I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

**\* The Law wasn't given to make us righteous but to  
point us to God and provide \_\_\_\_\_ for life.**

**2. Our interaction with God operates on the basis of  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hebrews 11:6** - And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

**\* Faith creates your \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**

**a. It's the only way to receive the \_\_\_\_\_  
needed to be in relationship with God.**

**Galatians 3:27** - For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**b. Having faith means that you \_\_\_\_\_ God  
and are willing to follow Him.**

*\* Faith doesn't give you control over God.  
It gives God control over you.*

**\* You can tell you've transitioned from human effort to  
faith when you \_\_\_\_\_ to do what honors God.**