

"Sola Fide" Galatians 3:1-14

There exist just two fundamental ways we can live out our lives on earth: we can rely on our works to earn us points with God, or we can rely on faith in the finished work of Christ. This is true of both our justification (the beginning our relationship with God), and our sanctification (the ongoing process of transformation into the image of Christ). The way of works leads only to the curse of God while the way of faith leads to blessing, freedom, and joy.

v1-5: Two Questions

- the Spirit

Titus 3:5-6

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior

- v2: How are we saved, by faith or by works?
- v3: How are we matured, by faith or by works?

- v2: justification by faith or works?
 - *declared righteous in God's sight*
- v3: sanctification by faith or works?
 - *to grow in spiritual maturity*

- The way of WORKS
 - *Rely on my works to earn points w/ God*
 - *Both believers & unbelievers*
- The way of FAITH
 - *persuasion that something is true and reliable*
 - *Rely solely on the work of Jesus*

v6-9: Abe's Example

- Justification in the sight of God always by faith alone

- Sons of Abraham = those who "rely on faith"

v10-14: Two Ways

- Reliance on works:
 - *Always ends in curse – Deut 28*
- Reliance on faith:
 - *Brings blessing= justification & Spirit*
 - *Key = the object of my faith (v13-14)*

God's Love & Salvation

- *You can never earn it*
- *Jesus earned it & offers it freely to you*
- *If you've believed, then you are eternally saved and unconditionally loved*