Perfected by the Spirit (The everyday, Extraordinary Gospel- Part 6) February 6, 2022

The Passage: Galatians 3:1-9

Galatians 3:1–9 (ESV): 3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Life Group Questions for the Week of February 6, 2022

- 1. Tell about a time when you have been insulted by someone. How did that make you feel?
- 2. Paul insults the Galatians by calling them foolish and saying they have been bewitched. Why does he do this?
- 3. What according to Paul makes someone a Christian?
- 4. In Paul's day the works of the law referred to things like circumcision and Jewish dietary laws. What are modern-day examples of works of the law people rely on for salvation instead of Faith?
- 5. What does it mean to be justified by faith?
- 6. What does it mean to be sanctified by faith?
- 7. If we are both justified and sanctified by faith in Christ, then why should a Christian ever do good works?
- 8. What role does the Holy Spirit play in the whole process of justification and sanctification?
- 9. How will you live differently this week anyway of this message?
- 10. Who needs to hear this message from you and how can you tell them?