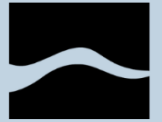


# SERMON NOTES

## THE FOLLY OF FAITH IN WORKS

### Galatians 3:1-6



**BIG IDEA:** Faith in Christ is better than faith in works because of how we experience the work of God in our lives.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

April 30, 2023

## DISCUSS

How did the Galatians begin their Christian life?

How did they foolishly begin to think they needed to do something else to keep going as Christians?

What was Paul's greatest concern for them if they turned from faith in Christ to faith in works?

## APPLY

In what ways do you suffer from gospel amnesia? How can you refresh your memory of Christ's sacrificial love for you?

How does the Spirit's presence in your life drive you back to faith as a basis for your salvation?

Too often, Christians mistakenly think they are justified by faith and sanctified by works. What can sanctification by faith look like practically in your life? How can your obedience to God flow from faith?

List one way you might be tempted to return to works as a basis for your justification before God.

How do Paul's words in verse 6 shatter every inclination of self-righteousness in your heart?

## COMMIT

It is said that Martin Luther began each day by saying to himself in light of the gospel, "You are accepted in the beloved." Remind yourself of this truth in faith when you experience guilt, doubt, or despair.