

"The faith that saves empowers us to live by the Spirit for the glory of God."

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²Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

⁵Does He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— ⁶just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

—Galatians 3:2-6 ESV

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⁷Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸And 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." ⁹So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

loFor all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." "Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." —Galatians 3:7-11 ESV

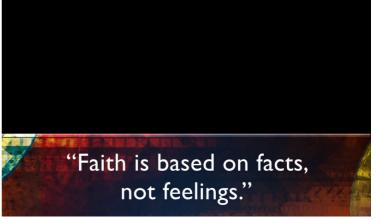
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13In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.—Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

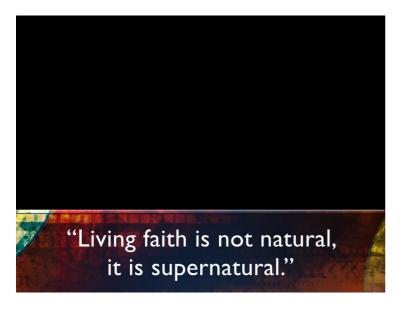
—I John 5:4-5 ESV

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So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.—Romans 10:17 ESV

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Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation... ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

—Hebrews 11:1-2, 6 ESV

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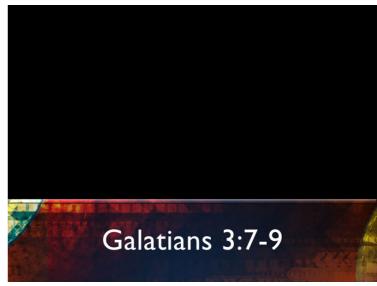
"I'm convinced what keeps God from giving us all He wants us to have is the fact our hand is tightly clenched around something we're not willing to let go of. In growth, the matter of letting go is always involved. The only way to grow up is by giving up. That's true, not only physically, but also spiritually.

All the days of your life, you've grown by giving up certain things—you have to give up the bottle, the diapers, and the toys eventually.

We call those people who are not willing to give up those things immature."—Ron Dunn

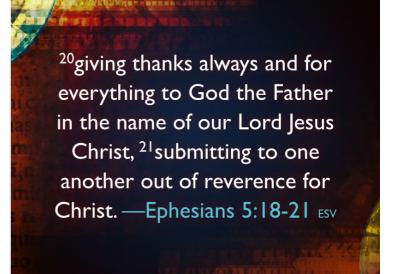
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¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,



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