

A black silhouette of a scale of justice is centered against a dark blue, vertically-grained wooden background. The scale's beam is horizontal, with a central pivot point. Two pans hang from the ends of the beam. The left pan is lower and contains the word 'LAW' in a white, blocky, outlined font. The right pan is higher and contains the word 'GRACE' in the same font. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright blue glow emanating from behind the scale, creating a strong contrast with the dark wood.

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GALATIANS

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A **STUDY** THROUGH THE EPISTLE OF GALATIANS



What Was Wrong?

- Gal 2:21
- I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, **Christ died for nothing!**
- **atheteo** (ath-et-eh'-o); to set aside, to disesteem, neutralize or violate:



What Was Wrong?

- **Anyone who thinks they can earn eternal life by human effort is in essence saying, that Christ died for nothing, or that his death means absolutely nothing and was completely unnecessary.**



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- Gal 3:1-2
- You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.
- Paul rebuked the Galatians for allowing their emotions to lead them rather than clearly thinking through and remembering what they had been taught. Paul had provided them a clear depiction of how Jesus had been crucified and finished the work of redemption; but they had allowed the Judaizers to lead them away with an emotional appeal. The emotional appeal is one of the biggest traps of false teachers.



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- Gal 3:2-3
- **2** I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? **3** Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?
- **What is the point of Paul's first question? How can one receive the Spirit? (John 3:5-8)**



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- Gal 3:4-5
- **4** Have you suffered so much for nothing — if it really was for nothing? **5** Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?



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- Gal 3:6-9
- **6** Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." **7** Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. **8** The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." **9** So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

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