

The Essential Resolution

Galatians 3:1-7

I. The danger of being “_____”

Bewitched: “to cast a spell”

A. The _____ [Revelation 12:9, 20:3]

“[Satan] is a liar and the father of lies.” [John 8:45]

B. False _____

“There are some who...want to _____ the gospel of Christ.” [Galatians 1:7b]

C. Our own _____

*“Bewitched” is the same root as the English word “_____”***II. Paul is relentless about what matters most**

Paul _____ us with four rhetorical questions

A. How do we _____ the Christian life?

“Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?” [2]*“We know that a person is not justified [_____] by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ...”* [Galatians 2:16b]*“Abraham ‘believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness’?”* [Gal. 3:6, Genesis 15:6]

B. How do we _____ in the Christian life?

“Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?” [3]*“We are not only saved by the Gospel, but we also _____ by the Gospel. We never leave the Gospel behind.”* [Tim Keller]

C. Has everything been in vain?

D. Have we _____ all this grace?

How do we become un-bewitched?

III. We fix our eyes on Jesus

A. We attend to His Word – “hearing with faith”

“The gospel is not just the diving board off of which we jump into the pool of Christianity. It is the _____ that we swim in each and every day.” [Gear]

B. We fix our eyes on the _____

“It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified”

Portray – “to show forth publically; to _____ or placard”

“I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified” [First Corinthians 2:2]

A crucified Messiah _____ from all of our self-righteousness

“If righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no _____.” [Galatians 2:21b]

C. We rely on Jesus’ _____

Sweet irony on New Year’s Eve – all resolutions begin and end in _____!

D. Step into the New Year

Jesus’ death and resurrection frees us to _____!

E. The Lord’s Supper – “the Word _____”

“As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

[First Corinthians 11:23]