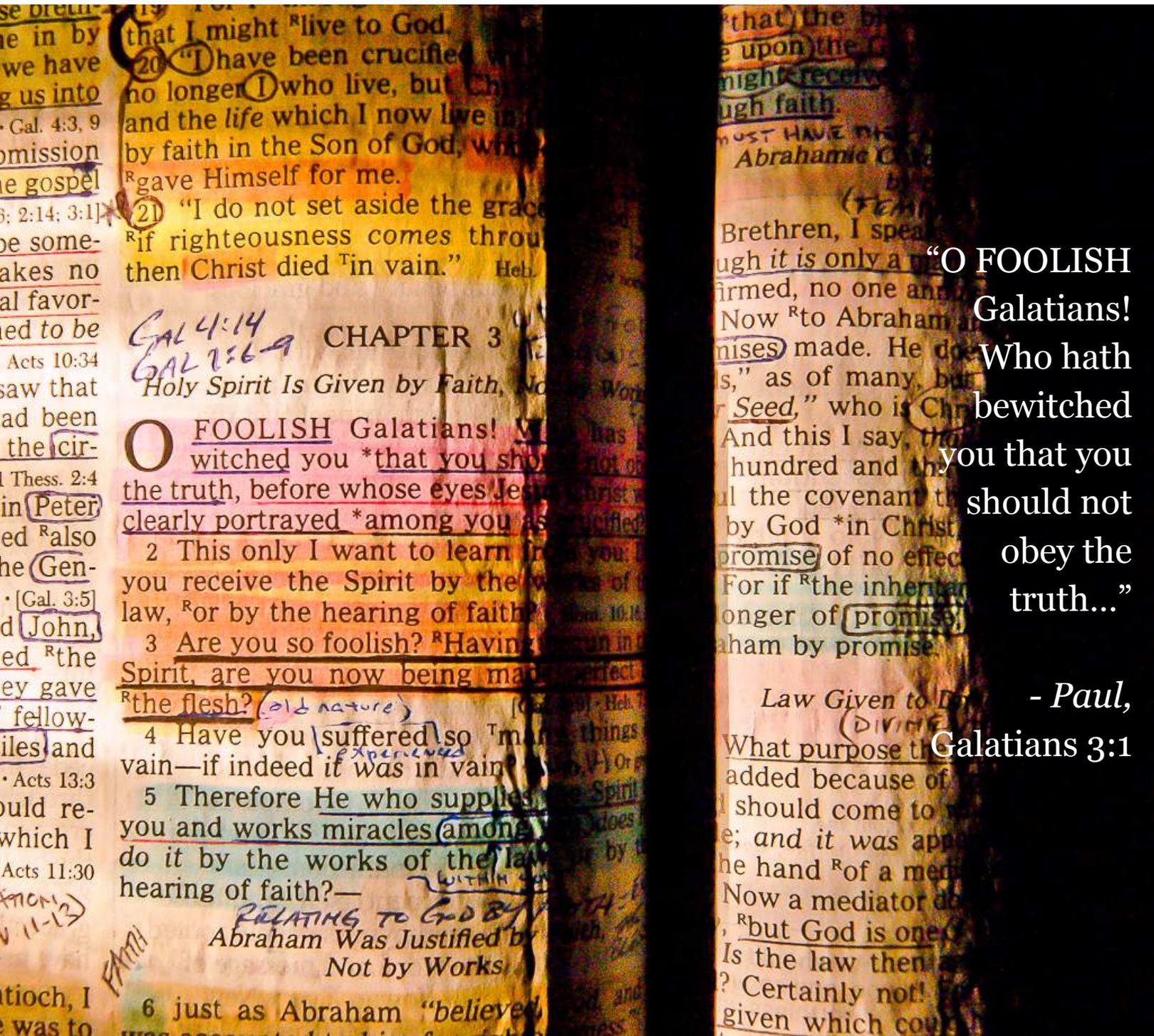


FOREWARNED

What are we doing about it?



that I might ^Rlive to God.
20 "I have been crucified with Christ and am no longer ^I who live, but Christ who lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

21 "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain." Heb.

GAL 4:14
GAL 2:16-9 CHAPTER 3
Holy Spirit Is Given by Faith, Not by Works

O FOOLISH Galatians! Who hath bewitched you *that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ clearly portrayed *among you as crucified?

2 This only I want to learn from you: I receive the Spirit by the works of the law, ^Ror by the hearing of faith?

3 Are you so foolish? ^RHaving begun by the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? (*old nature*)

4 Have you suffered so ^Tmany things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

5 Therefore He who supplies you and works miracles among you, does it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?—
RELATING TO GOD BY FAITH
Abraham Was Justified by Faith, Not by Works

6 just as Abraham "believed" and was accounted righteous.

that the blessing might be upon the Gentiles, that they might receive the promise through faith.
MUST HAVE THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Brethren, I speak the truth though it is only a promise confirmed, no one annuls the promises made. He does not say, "as of many, but of Seed," who is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant that was made a hundred and thirty years ago is not of promise. For if the inheritance was by promise, it would not have been by law. For the law was given to Moses, not by promise.

Law Given to Moses
(DIVINE)
What purpose then was the law added because of sin? I should come to the end; and it was appointed by the hand ^Rof a man. Now a mediator does not exist, ^Rbut God is one. Is the law then against the promises? Certainly not! For if a law had been given which could

O FOOLISH Galatians!
Who hath bewitched you that you should not obey the truth...

- Paul, Galatians 3:1



FOREWARNED

What are we doing about it?

In twenty-six of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament, God the Holy Spirit utilized the writers of Scripture to not only proclaim sound doctrine, but to repetitiously *warn* about the dangers of spiritual deception. God has *forewarned* us about false teachers, false prophets, false christ, apostasy, godless deceivers, lawlessness, damnable heresies, individual antichrists, false brethren, the devices of satan, and more. The Lord has also *forewarned* His church about the coming Antichrist, otherwise known as *the man of sin*. Daniel the prophet even explained that the Antichrist “will have eyes *like* a man.” Now that is a strange concept, a human husk that has “eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great [blasphemous] things” (Daniel 7:8). What is even more astounding is that all who receive “the mark of the beast” (those who are not raptured) will have been led astray by Antichrist and his miracle-working false prophet who does “lying sings and wonders” (Revelation 13). People will literally bow down and worship the devil, who will fully *possess* Antichrist with a *perfect* possession. Antichrist will then continue to lead the whole world astray and seek to destroy all who do not yield to him.

FOREWARNED, BUT WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

Anyone can read the Bible these days and see that God has *warned* His church about counterfeit Christians. Masses of false teachers today have risen up *from within* the ranks of Christian churches and movements and they are drawing away millions of undiscerning believers after themselves (Acts 20). The damnable teachings that these deceivers pollute the church with are leading non-believers to eternal doom and they are also *confusing* and *shipwrecking* the faith of many sincere, but undiscerning Christians. God will one day fully judge these false teachers. Their works will be burned up! In the mean time, God *expects* all who truly love Him to “test all things” and hold fast what is good” (Thessalonians. 5:21). God also expects us to reject false teachers, *even* if they can do true miracles (Deuteronomy. 13:1-5; Matthew 7:15-23).

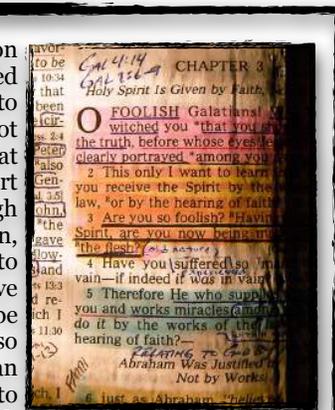
True Christians are commanded to reject, expose and *separate* from false doctrine and false teachers, and from those who placate them, join them and give credence to their so-called ministries. God alone is the judge of human souls this we know. We also know that unrepentant teachers of false doctrine will one day abide in *hell*. Hundreds of verses could be cited here to prove that true biblical

standard is to proclaim the gospel, teach sound doctrine, discern between truth and error, and expose and separate from false teachers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE WATCHMEN?

Jesus Himself described false teachers as having characteristics like that of ravenous wolves (Matthew 7:15-23). Unfortunately, countless people today are embracing false teachers. How? They give them glowing accolades, invite them into the fold to “lead the church” and “train an army of believers.” They also rush headlong to “engage in dialogue” with them and to help “feed the poor.” All the while, God’s faithful servants who hold fast to sound doctrine and who expose these false teachers are cast off as “naysayers.” I have personally seen numerous well-known leaders, both privately and

publicly, mock, belittle, and refuse speaking engagements to men of God who faithfully instruct the body of Christ in sound doctrine, and who tirelessly *defend* the Christian faith. When personally standing up to defend these faithful believers against unjust and slanderous accusations from compromisers, mockery, laughter and disdain for “discernment” ministries has been unloaded against me. It is incredible to see it and experience it first hand, from fellow believers who refuse to heed the Word of God. Sadly, some of these people are leading entire congregations into popular and “hip” Christianity. They refuse to publicly expose and denounce Emerging Church heretics and they refuse to stop positively quoting from false teachers. As the story goes, fewer and fewer Christian leaders in the West are willing to speak out and warn Christians



“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”

- Paul, Galatians 1:6-9

“Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.”

- Paul, Colossians 1:28-29

about false teachers in the church. These dangerous leaders also mock the Watchmen (and women) as they persist in placing selfish value in carnal friendships, *before* and *above*, obedience to the Word of God.

WHAT ABOUT THE ABUSES IN THE NAME OF CHRIST?

What an insane travesty we are seeing in the church today, all in the name of Jesus Christ and all under the guise of a popular Christianity that ever seeks a big name *at the expense* of God’s truth. Like Satan, false leaders and compromising pastors twist Scripture, disobey the Word and turn Christianity into a mockery. Few in the church today are willing to publicly expose and denounce these that Scripture rebukes and condemns. *Watchmen...sound the alarm!!!*

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WHAT ABOUT THE BROKEN-HEARTED

What about the broken-hearted who are entrenched in a life of sin? No matter what the "sin" issue may be in a persons life, Jesus Christ desires to set people free from the enslaving power of sin. Jesus is the true missionary God that has come "to seek and save that which was lost." In terms of *trusting in God alone* to bring healing and salvation, Luke 19:9-10 says, "And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." The glorious free gospel of salvation goes out to all, even those whom society and the church at large may cast off as being outside of God's reach and outside of God's grace. No one is outside of God's grace, unless of course, like false teachers, they reject Christ and His doctrine all the way through their very last breath on earth.

According to Scripture, one is either truly born-again, "saved" by the Lord Jesus Christ, and on the way to heaven, or one is *not* born-again and *not* a true Christian *at all*. There is no middle ground, Scripture defines what a Christian is and does. Salvation from sin and God's judgment and the wrath that is to come can only be found through our risen Savior, Jesus of Nazareth! Salvation is by God's grace *alone*, through faith *alone* in Jesus Christ *alone*!

GOD WANTS TO SAVE THE LOST SAVE AS WE PROCLAIM HIS TRUTH

God does want to *help* and *save* and *heal* and *forgive* the hurting, the molested, the afflicted, the enslaved, the lonely, the abused - and *even* those who abuse. God desires to save individuals and transform them into people who reflect the love of Jesus Christ and who, by God's power, live out a fruitful and abundant, God glorifying life. Most of the false teachers and abusers that are running rampant in the church today *will continue* to do what they are doing. It is up to us who are the true body of Christ to warn the church about them. 1 Corinthians 5:12-13 says, "For what have I to do to judge them also that are without [outside the church]? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." God's Word also declares, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Please continue to help us as we seek to do what we can to help others with the what the Lord provides!

- **NEW WEBSITE!** www.spiritualresearchnetwork.com
- **Prayer Request:** Please pray for our financial situation. Jan/Feb was spent finding and fixing numerous internal website problems (web traffic) that have drastically affected our support.
- **New Websites & Website Repairs:** As you may have seen, we now have three websites. We have our older SRN website that we are still fixing, we have a new SRN website (blog/podcast archive), and we have our new ministry support/missions website. We continue to work on our website repairs and migrate content from our older site to our new one. It is very time consuming and we do not have funds to pay for help with this process.
- **Monthly Sponsors Needed:** We have new donor options on our websites now if anyone is interested in helping us. We live by faith month-to-month and trust the Lord as we work, and also look for work to make ends meet financially. We sincerely appreciate our donors and we regularly pray that God will bless you.
- **Podcasts & Video:** Our Podcasting will be increasing this next month and we are hoping that this helps us get our message out to more people. I also have quite a few older sermon/seminar audio messages that are being digitized, converted and edited as time allows.
- **Surf Outreach & Youth:** Thank you to the family who helped replace (\$100.00) one of our broken surfboards that several of the local teenagers use from time-to-time. Since January we have only surfed twice. The Northwest winds have not been good for the waves and the last giant swell (18ft waves) tore up the beaches. Surfing is great exercise. It has really helped my back problems and it is a great way to reach out to people here. We have also been filming youth basketball games and carpooling kids and working on a youth discernment study.
- **Bible Study & Seminars:** We will be starting up our Bible study again in May and inviting local families and teenagers to attend it. I am also working on a new discernment seminar series on the dangers of Yoga, meditation and contemplative prayer.

Thank you for your kind support and prayers, they are sincerely appreciated!
- Chris Lawson

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