

# “SO, WHO IS YOUR SAVIOR?”

Galatians 3:1-5

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Referring to Romans 5:20-21, Colin Smith writes: “When Paul describes grace here, he is not talking about a kindly attitude. He is talking about a power. Just as sin has exercised its devastating power in human experience, grace now breaks in to deliver us from its tyranny.

If we were held hostage by a hijacker, we would not be looking for sympathy from the FBI. We would need them to storm the plane. If we were living in Kuwait during the Iraqi invasion, we would not be looking to the Allies for moral support, we would be asking them to mount a massive operation that would result in our liberation. If, like Gulliver, we were bound, we would not be looking for words of encouragement but for someone to come with a knife and set us free.

Paul is telling us that this is how grace operates. Grace is a power. It is more than forgiveness. The gospel is about the power of grace breaking the power of sin. It is the spiritual equivalent of overpowering the hijacker, driving out the intruder, and setting the prisoner free. Grace takes control. It lays hold of us and puts us in an entirely different position.”<sup>1</sup>

It is our nature to forget what truly sets us free. Left to our own, it is human nature to take credit for what God alone has done ... this opinion had infected the church at Galatia.

## THE GALATIAN PROBLEM

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## YOU MUST BE CRAZY!

- Key: Wherever **faith** in Christ **alone** is preached there is a **battle!**
- You have left the cross when:
  - **Significance** replaces true spirituality.
    - ✓ This = **hypocrisy**.
  - **Sanctification** is sought through **flesh** (works), not faith.
    - ✓ This = **apostasy**.
  - **Slick** teaching replaces the **Son** of God.
    - ✓ This = satanic **philosophy**.

## THE POWER OF THE P.P.P.

- Key: Christ's finished work on the cross continues its work today!

Note: Crucified = **Perfect** Passive Participle.

- This fact leads to three questions:

1. If He **started** you by the Spirit, why would He **change** the **plan**?
  2. What is the **purpose**/value of your **suffering** if it does not prove or improve your faith?
  3. What is the **source** of your Christian **experience** ... your **laws** or Christ's **love**?
- Faith has always been the **key**!
    - **Abraham**
    - **Ninevah**

**WRAP**

- Are you trusting in Christ **alone**?  
(Is He **changing** you?)

<sup>1</sup>*Unlocking the Bible Story*, Colin S. Smith, ©2002 by Colin S. Smith, p. 66