

# The Holy Spirit Is Faith Sensitive – Galatians 3:1-6

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**What's one thing you learned from this week's sermon?**

READ THE PASSAGE:

**Read Galatians 3:1-6. What the Apostle Paul's message to the Galatians? How does he say these Christians received the Holy Spirit?**

**What is Paul's tone and what motivates him to speak in such a way?**

IN OTHER SCRIPTURES

**The Apostle Paul uses the Jewish patriarch Abraham as an example of faith for the Galatian church. Look up Paul's reference in Genesis 15:1-6. What specifically does Abraham believe in? What principle from this passage can we apply to our lives today?**

**What do the following examples from Scripture tell us the Spirit can do when we demonstrate faith in Jesus?**

- Matthew 8:5-13
- Matthew 9:20-22
- Matthew 9:28-30
- Matthew 15:22-28
- Mark 2:1-12
- Acts 14:9-10

**Look at Matthew 13:54-58. How does what we've learned about the Holy Spirit help us understand why Jesus didn't do many miracles in His hometown?**

**Read Mark 9:20-27. What does this passage demonstrate that we can do when we realize we're struggling with having faith and connecting with the Holy Spirit?**

## MAKING IT MATTER

We must remember that the Holy Spirit is a Person, and like all other persons, our interactions with Him are based on relationship and not in rules. Sure, we have guidelines to follow as we get to know His likes and dislikes, and we develop certain patterns with Him based on who we are and His character. But there are no rituals to perform, special phrases to chant, or guaranteed ways to “make” the Spirit do anything. He does what He does based on Who He Is, and He responds to faith, not legalism.

**Why are we tempted to look for laws, formulas, and step-by-step instructions in our relationship with the Holy Spirit? What’s the issue?**

**Is there an area of faith you’re struggling in? Some promise of God that you’re having a hard time believing or something about Him that is tough for you to truly rely on? What can you do about it and how can your small group help you?**

**What are some practical ways that you and I can demonstrate our faith and connect with the Holy Spirit’s power? We’re not looking for rules here, of course, but guiding principles to help us press into our relationship with Him by faith.**