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_Justification is by Faith Alone, Not Works of the Law: 2 Proofs:_

**Proof #1: The Argument from Experience (Verses 3:1-5)**

- **Question of Spiritual Discernment**

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- **Question of the Spirit’s Initial Work**

  Galatians 3:2 (ESV) Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

- **Question of Spiritual Growth**

  Galatians 3:3 (ESV) Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

- **Question of Suffering**

  Galatians 3:4 (ESV) Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

- **Question of the Spirit’s Ongoing Work**

  Galatians 3:5 (ESV) Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—

  Faith is how you begin and continue in the Christian life.

**Proof #2: The Argument from the Old Testament: 2 Examples (Galatians 3:6-14)**

A. Old Testament Example #1: We Are Members of Abraham’s Family by Faith (Galatians 3:6-9)

Galatians 3:6-9 (ESV) just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? 7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.
• Abraham was justified by faith alone, not works of the law. (Galatians 2:6, 3:15-18)

• We are justified by faith alone, not works of the law. (Galatians 2:7-9)

B. Old Testament Example #2: Curse of the Law Removed by Christ (Galatians 3:10-14)

**Galatians 3:10-14 (ESV)** 10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” 12 But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

• We failed to obey God’s law (Verses 10-12)

Verses 10-12: Those who rely on the law are cursed. Why?

1. Because one must keep the law perfectly (Verse 10)
2. Because justification is by faith, not works of the law (Verse 11)
3. Because the law and faith are incompatible (Verse 12)

• Christ became the curse for us (Verse 13)

Benefits of Christ’s Death:

• Redemption (Verse 13)

• The blessing of Abraham to us (Verse 14)

• The promised Spirit in us