# FOUNDATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO:

GALATIANS 3:1-9

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It is wonderful to have a soft, tender heart before God. But some people have softer heads than hearts. Their minds are too accommodating to wrong, unbiblical ideas, and they don't think things through to see if they really are true or not according to the Bible. This is a sign of spiritual immaturity, even as a baby will stick anything into its mouth. >>

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

1. The Crucifixion Of Jesus Shows That God Relates To Us By Grace (v1)

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The Galatians would not have found false teaching attractive if they had truly appreciated the major significance of Jesus' crucifixion.

Thomas Constable, Expository Notes Of Dr. Constable

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To argue from experience can be dangerous, because experiences can be counterfeited and they can be misunderstood. Subjective experience must be balanced with objective evidence. Paul balances the subjective experience of the Galatian Christians with the objective teaching of the unchanging Word of God.

Warren Wiersbe, Wiersbe's Expository Commentary

## 2. Your Own Experience Shows That God Relates To Us By Grace (v2-5)

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Romans 8:9

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Paul turns now from subjective experience to the objective evidence of the Word of God. We never judge the Scriptures by our experience; we test our experience by the Word of God.

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#### Genesis 15

5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."
6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

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#### Genesis 12

- 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.
- 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

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