

“Choose Faith”

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Bible-First Lifestyle reading: Num. 34-36; Deut. 1-10; Galatians; Ps. 37-42

“Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.”

Gal. 3:11

Law and Faith

- Law – **commands**, rules and traditional religion: “Do things in order to please God.”

“And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord you God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?” Dt. 10:12-13

- The Law is Good! The work of the law is to **reveal sin** not save you from it.

“If righteousness could be gained by the law, Christ died for nothing...After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?” Gal. 2:21 and 3:3

- Faith – **freedom**, loving God, living by the Spirit. “God loves you and lives through you.”

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” Gal. 5:6

- Faith is the **work** that God requires to know Him, love Him and live by the Spirit.

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Gal. 2:20

4 Faith Choices to Help You Live by the Spirit

“Live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.” Gal. 5:16-18

- **Acts** of the sinful nature – Gal. 5:19-21 – “Acts” behaviors
- **Fruit** of the spirit – Gal. 5:22-25 – “Fruit” natural growth

1. Choose to **believe** that God is really living in and through you.
2. Choose to **rest** in His finished work when you feel the internal conflict.
3. Choose to **admit** you cannot live by the Spirit in your own strength.
4. Choose to **allow** God to live out His nature through you.

“Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.” Phil. 2:12-13