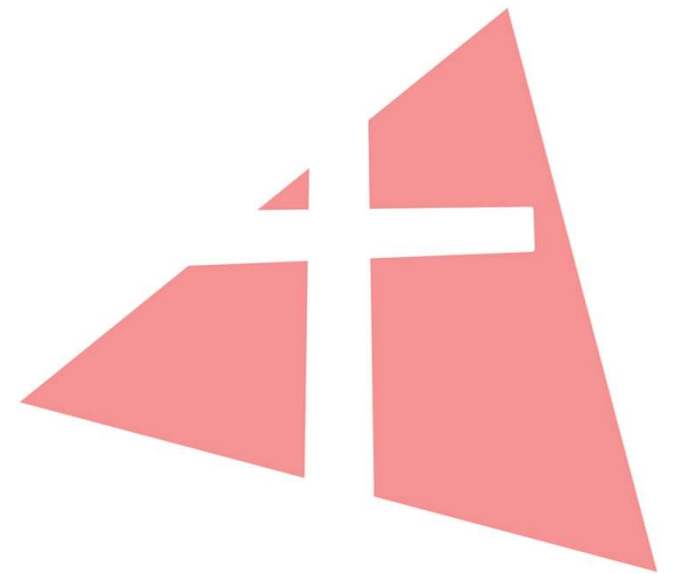


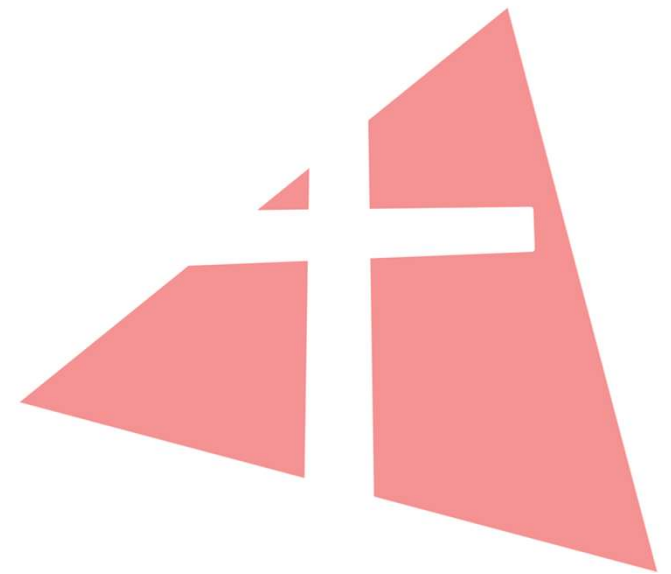
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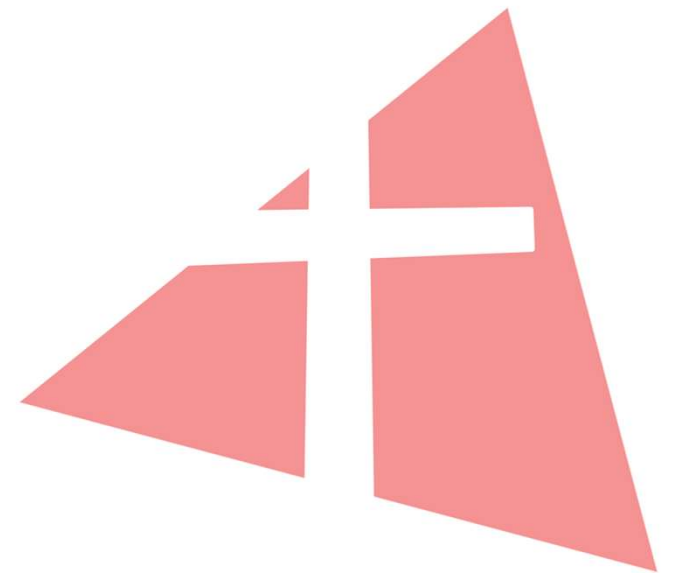
Our Series

- **1. Cor. 12**
 - Gifts of the Spirit
 - The Body of Christ
 - Unity within the Body



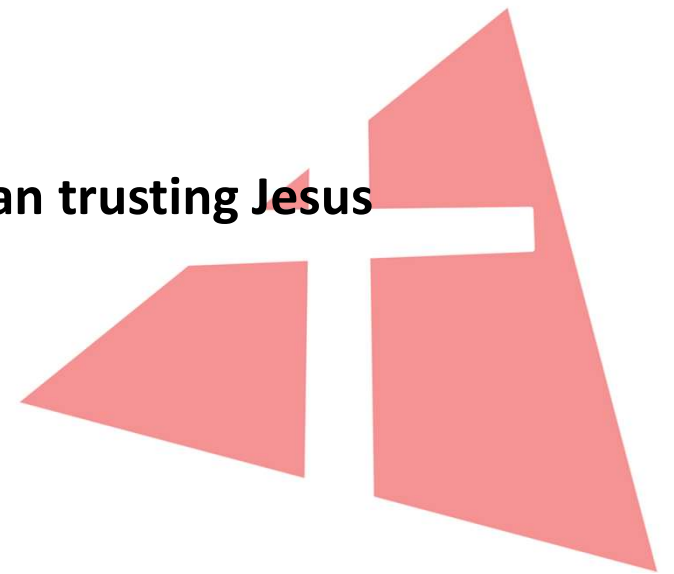
Today's Focus

- **The Spirit vs. Works**



The Book of Galatians

- They lives by the law of Moses
- They received Jesus and the Holy Spirit
- They returned to trusting their obedience in the law rather than trusting Jesus



Receiving the Spirit

Galatians 3:1-2 O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ has been openly set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received you the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?



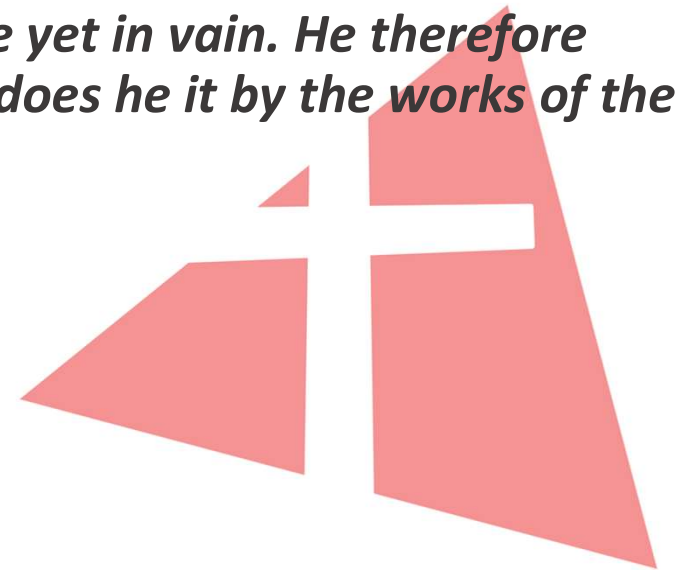
The Spirit vs. The Flesh

Galatians 3:3 Are you so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect by the flesh?



Receiving gifts from God

Galatians 3:4-5 Have you suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. He therefore that ministers to you the Spirit, and works miracles among you, does he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?



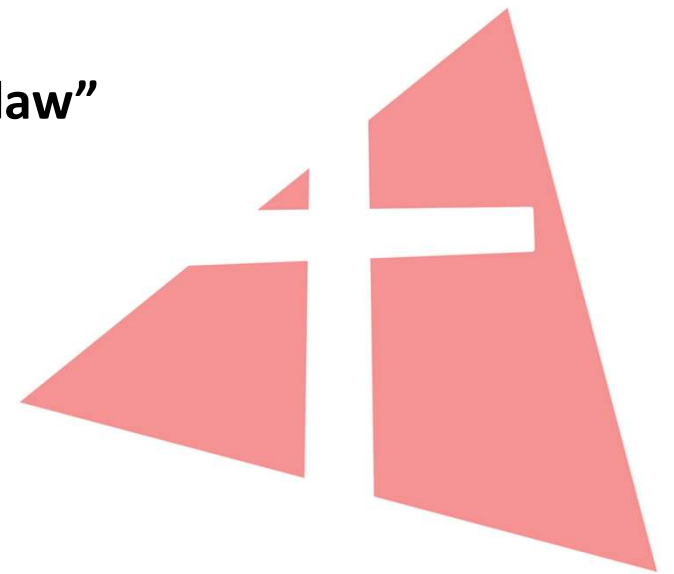
The consequence

Galatians 1:8-9 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that you have received, let him be accursed.



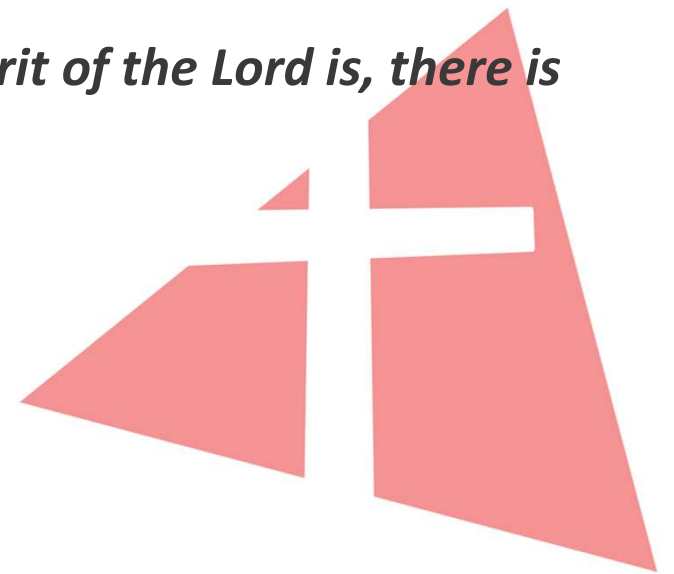
If we choose to rely on the Spirit

- **The Spirit will free us from the burden of “having to obey the law”**



The Spirit gives Freedom

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.



The Key

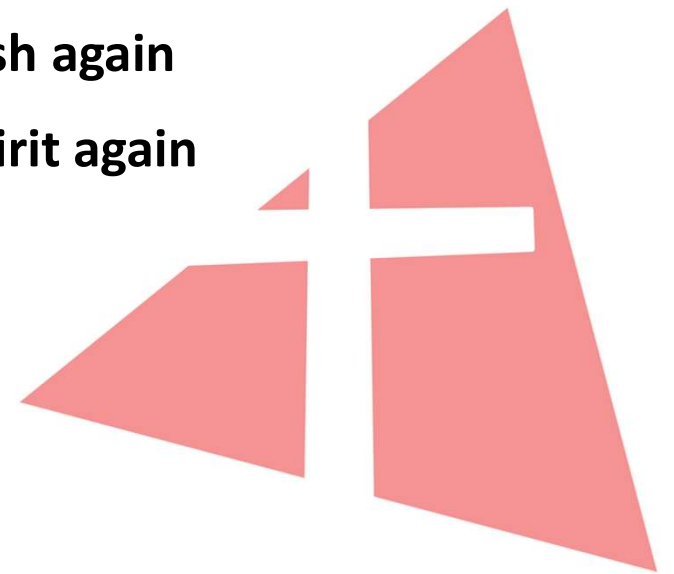
- **The Spirit and the works of the flesh are directly opposed to each other**

Galatians 3:3 Are you so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect by the flesh?



The cycle

- **Once we choose the flesh, we're more likely to choose the flesh again**
- **Once we choose the Spirit, we're more likely to choose the Spirit again**



Application

- **Any time we rely in any form on any of our works or performance, we are relying on the flesh instead of the Spirit**



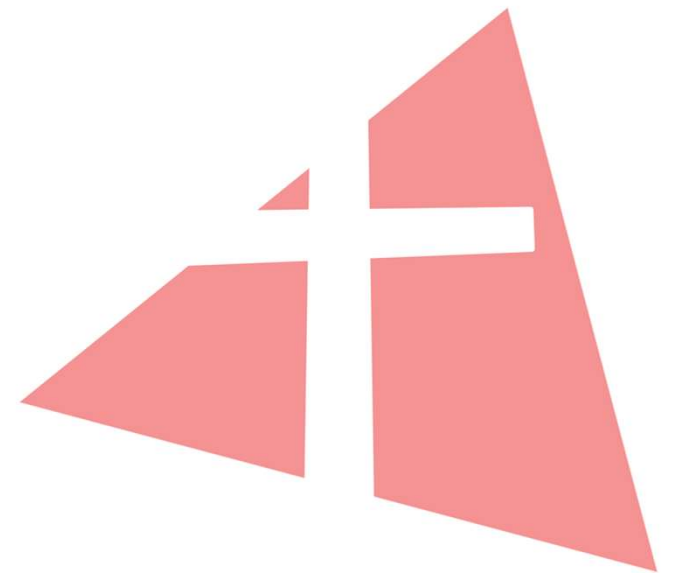
Examples

- I deserve something good, because I've done something good
- Someone else deserves something bad because they did something bad
- I deserve better than others because I do more good works/sin less than others



Examples

- I try to earn something from God with my good works
- I think I deserve something good from God
- I try harder to be a better person
 - Do good
 - Not sin



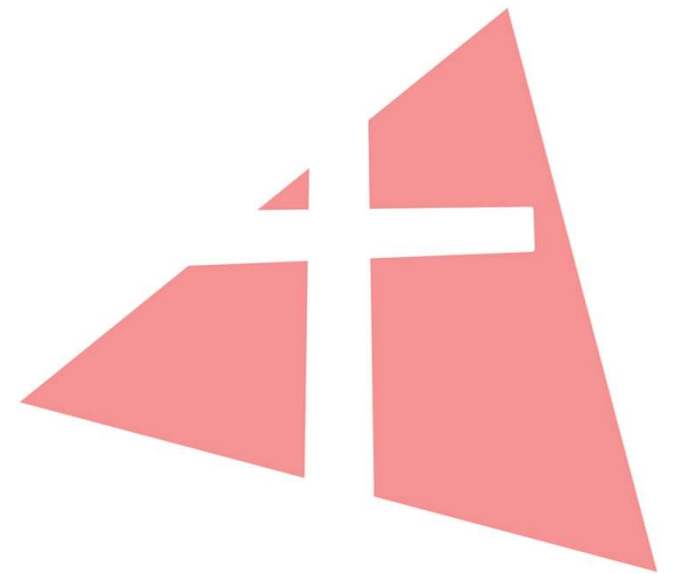
Examples

- **Such attitudes show that we are relying on our flesh rather than God's Spirit**
- **Such attitudes also limit the activities of the Holy Spirit in our lives**



The Root

- We have God given needs living inside of us
- If we don't allow God to meet those needs, we'll



In Conclusion

- **Let's allow God to examine our hearts whether we rely on the flesh in any way**

