



# Was It By Faith, Or By Works? (Part 2)

**Galatians 3:10-14**

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## **Definitions**

**Justification** is an instantaneous legal act of God in which He (1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and Jesus' righteousness as belonging to us, and so (2) declares us to be righteous/not guilty before Him. (Wayne Grudem)

**Legalism** is any attempt to gain acceptance or forgiveness from God through own efforts or merits.

1. **The path of justification by our works leads to God's curse.**

## **2. The path of Justification by faith in Christ leads to God's blessing.**

### **Questions to Consider**

1. Paul says in v14 that the blessing of Abraham includes the promised spirit. In what ways do you see the spirit working in your life? What fruit should you see in your life (Galatians 5:22)?
2. What does it mean to be under God's curse?
3. Why are faith and the law incompatible with each other in reference to our justification?
4. What is the blessing of Abraham that comes to those who believe by faith?
5. Why do you think that Paul used old testament scripture in his argument to prove that justification was by faith and not by works?