

**Breaking the Spell**  
**Galatians 3:1-6**  
**Living the Gospel, 9**  
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**We can fall under the spell of believing that we can earn God's blessing.**

3:1

The deception of this world is that we can control life.

The reality of Christ crucified reminds us that there is ...

1. a new life given by grace.
2. a new power at work in our lives.
3. a new goal for our lives.
4. a new way of doing life.

We need to learn to think about why we do what we do.

**Thinking through a series of questions can break that spell ...**

3:2-5

Did we receive the Spirit through our own efforts?

Do we try to gain "life" through our own efforts?

Has God done amazing things in our lives for no reason?

Is the reality of God's work in our lives based upon our own efforts?

**Faith has always been the standard for relationship with God.**

3:6

**Theological Reflection ...**

1. We either try to control life or we allow God to control us.
2. What is your goal in life?
3. How do you believe that you will achieve it?

**Quotes:**

"The thing that ought to make the heart beat is a new way of manifesting the Son of God." Oswald Chambers