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### LYRICS

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"Have you lost your senses? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?" -- Galatians 3:3 New Living Translation

#### John 1:9 -- we're all 'frogs'--

"...the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for <u>all have sinned</u> and fall short of the glory of God..."

1

When I was just a bitty girl who barely had reached four (and I'm not saying how many decades that was \_ ago!) \_ I woke at midnight terrified to hear something big and banging, hidden, growling, crawling 'neath my bedroom floor \_\_ then yelling "OUT! OUT! OUT!" crazy "OUT! OUT! OUT!" my dad

kept yelling over and o'er.

I fled to Mom who comforted me, "Yes, that was Dad, No, he was not crazy... He just had crawled underneath our small house to STOP all the croaking by chasing frogs ....out."

2

Well, as you can imagine, Dad did NOT have much success. \_ Each time he almost reached a frog, it just hopped right or left. \_ Dad did accomplish two things, though: Dad proved there was NO HOPE chasing frogs, and he proved there was no soap to get dirt

"OUT! OUT! OUT!" of his clothes. "RIBBET! RIBBET! RIBBET!" those frogs kept croaking over and o'er.

3

We all have some frogs in our life, our house, our church, our own selfish heart. No matter how we try, we're stuck sometimes with croaking frogs and ground-in dirt.

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(3 continued) Yet God says in Galatians Three: verse Three, [Galatians 3:3] STOP fighting frogs yourself. Depend on God's Holy Spirit 'cause you always need God's help. Verse seventeen on, we HAVE God's promised Covenant of HOPE that we belong to Christ Whose 'soap' cleans all our sins OUT, OUT, OUT of our soul WHEN, WHEN, WHEN we do humbly ASK His help.

4

We all have some pride in our life. That's no excuse: we CAN choose to FIGHT our frogs and dirt by telling God, "I Can't fight my frogs myself. \_\_\_\_ Dear God, I need Your HELP!"

#### Song Story.

This is a true story, one of my earliest memories. I figure Dad was about 28 then, and even he laughed over his silliness for years.

How our Heavenly Father must 'shake His head' at the many silly things we try to do in our own power when He has specifically told us that He truly wants to help us... wants us to learn to depend on Him instead of losing our peace and getting frustrated by the frogs in our lives (including our own sins and dirt).

God warns in Galatians 3:3 of the dangerous temptation to drift from remembering we can *never* earn salvation, into doing good works with the wrong motive--- trying to earn God's favor instead of doing them just out of love for Him and for His other children. 28 March 2010