

In this series we will see the Apostle Paul confronting the false teachings in the church of Galatia. In the process we have the opportunity to join these first-century brothers and sisters in examining ourselves. How are we viewing the grace of God? How can we shift from trying to earn God's favor in our own strength and instead live free by faith knowing that we have God's acceptance?

Week Three: The Gift & The Promise

Text: Galatians 3

Sermon Summary:

This week we are reminded that God's plan never included good works as part of our salvation. In fact, relying on the law for your salvation means living under the curse of a guilty verdict. The law points out our problems and directs us to God. Only through faith, we can be part of God's family.

Discussion Questions: These questions can be thought of as variations on three larger questions:

- 1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday's sermon and the associated passage?
- 2. What are you going to do about it?
- 3. How can others in the group help you and pray for you so you can do what God told you to do?

What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?

- What is the most memorable gift you have ever received? Why was it special to you?
- Read Galatians 3
- In what ways am I trying to gain God's approval by living according to the law or trying to be a good person.

What are you going to do about it?

- Since your salvation is not based on your performance, how do God's promises relate to you.
- Since our motivation should be love, how does this help us grow in our faith?

How can others in the group help you and pray for you?

- Reflect on how you are struggling to live out the truth of this lesson and share it.
- Pray for each other about these struggles.

Scripture Memory:

"So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."

Galatians 3:9