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## Galatians, Week 10 Small Group Questions

Aaron Jayne - July 7 & 8, 2018

- Paul says in Colossians 2:6, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him." We received Christ through grace, so Paul implies that is how we live for Christ. What are ways you have been able to keep this in front of your heart?
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### How do I make it work?

- Obeying the Law is kind of a litmus test to see where we are at in alignment with the Gospel. The three options we looked at were trying to obey, not obeying, or a natural desire to obey. Where do you find yourself the most and why? What are ways you re-align yourself with the Gospel?
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- As you are beginning to understand grace more fully and accept what Christ has done for you, how have you seen that impact your spiritual growth? How would you describe the process taking place inside of you?
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- Serve Day '18 is an amazing opportunity for all of us, the local church, to go into our communities and love our neighbors. Has your small group signed up to serve **Saturday, July 14th 8am-12pm** at La Costa Canyon High School? Visit our website or app for details. Let's do something good together.

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(Galatians 3:1-10) You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain? So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."

How do I move from being righteous to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?

- ✓ The way we get in to the faith is exactly the same way we \_\_\_\_\_.

### Credited as Righteousness

(Genesis 15:2-17) But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. He also said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it." But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?" So the Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon." Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers

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in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure." When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.

(Genesis 12:3) I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

The Gospel produces \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ If I am \_\_\_\_\_ I am not in line with the Gospel.

✓ If I am \_\_\_\_\_ I am not in line with the Gospel.

✓ When I am in line with the Gospel, obeying the law \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the Holy Spirit Saying to Me?

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\*Scripture from NIV unless otherwise noted. Notes available on YouVersion.

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### A Little About Me

- If you could go back to school and do one thing differently or change one decision you made, what would it be?

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### Reflection

- What resonated most with this week's message and why?

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### What Else Does the Bible Say?

- This week we discussed that key to spiritual growth is believing the Gospel (GRACE), in light of that Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me." Why do you think grace or believing the Gospel, actually makes you work harder for God than trying to work hard for God does?

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- The Living Bible says in Hebrews 13:9, "Your spiritual strength comes as a gift from God, not from ceremonial rules..." Does this resonate with you? Why or Why not? Do you have a hard time accepting and receiving this?

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