

## Galatians, Week 4 Small Group Questions

Aaron Jayne - May 12 & 13, 2018

### What Else Does the Bible Say?

- Read Colossians 2:16-23. Think about Vs. 23 and share how you have seen this verse to be true and how it has negatively impacted people's journey with faith and Christ. Describe how our life would look if we fully understood and followed the teaching of this passage.

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### How Do I Make It Work?

- We discussed how the moral law of the Old Testament was for people to be ethically acceptable and the ceremonially law was about being culturally acceptable. How do we honor the purpose behind the law today without putting our hope in our obedience of the law to make us right with God?

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- The TRUTH of this weekend is we are accepted by Jesus plus nothing. Is that hard for you to fully understand and how do you subtly add to the equation in your faith journey? How do you realign back to the right equation?

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- We discussed this weekend that being accepted by God does not have to do with doing, but being. How do we rest in what Christ has done, being accepted and made righteous by what He did on the Cross and not on our performance or behavior?

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(Galatians 2:1-6) Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message.

### “Even Titus Wasn’t Circumcised” or “They Added Nothing”

1. People want \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.

(Ruth 1:17) May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.

TRUTH — You are accepted by Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. People want \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ Acceptance of God does not have to do with doing, but being.

(Acts 15:1,5) Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” ... Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses.”

(Hebrews 9:10) They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings— external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

(Hebrews 10:8-10) First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them” — though they were

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(Hebrews 10:8-10) First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" — though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

(Colossians 1:22) But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

TRUTH — You are accepted by Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ produces \_\_\_\_\_.

TRUTH — You are accepted by Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the Holy Spirit Saying to Me?

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### A Little About Me

- Describe your perfect summer vacation or your most memorable?

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### Reflection

- What resonated most with you from last week's message, and why?

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### What Else Does the Bible Say?

- In Acts 15:1-11, it documents the story Paul is telling in Galatians 2. Why is it so important for us today that Peter came to the conclusion in Vs. 11 that, "We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."?

- In 1 Samuel 15:22 the Bible says, "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat (offering) of rams." This goes along with what we discussed this weekend, that many people want intimacy with God without covenant. Is this principle easy or challenging in your life? Give an example?