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WEEK 3

SCRIPTURE

GALATIANS 3 – Read the entire chapter.

GENESIS 15:6 (NIV) Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

HEBREWS 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

DEUTERONOMY 27:26 (NIV) Cursed is anyone who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out. Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"

GENESIS 12:2-3 (NIV) "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 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."

ROMANS 3:23 (NIV) For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

ROMANS 6:23 (NIV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 5:8 (NIV) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

GENESIS 22:18 (NIV) And through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.

ROMANS 2:14-15 (NIV) Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.



FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

1. What was your biggest takeaway from this weekend's message?
2. Have you ever attempted to start a healthy new habit or stop an unhealthy one? Why do you think it's so challenging to stop bad habits and start good ones?
3. To participate in the life God has for us, we need to invite the Holy Spirit to help us and then cooperate with the Spirit to see change happen. Why is this process of "inviting and cooperating" with the Holy Spirit sometimes much easier said than done?
4. Read Galatians Chapter 3 as a group. You'll notice Paul opens this chapter with a harsh tone by saying, "You foolish Galatians!" Why do you think Paul was so frustrated?
5. In Galatians 3, verses 2 through 5, Paul asks several questions. What do you think he was trying to get at with these questions? Do you think he'd ask the same of today's Christ-followers, or would he have different ones you might suggest?
6. What exactly is the role of the Holy Spirit in helping us with such growth, and why do we sometimes act as if we're completely, 100% responsible for our personal spiritual growth?
7. Ok, quick teaching moment – The main argument of the Judaizers was that the Gentiles had to become Jews in order to fully experience salvation, but Paul exposed this flawed teaching by reminding them that the true children of Abraham are all those who have faith, not just those who keep the commandments of the law. Paul said it this way: "Abraham was justified by faith alone." Why do we sometimes need to be reminded of this fact, and how do you think this truth gives us hope for today?
8. In this weekend's message, Senior Pastor Steve Poe made it clear that the law wasn't bad, but it was simply inadequate for providing salvation. In fact, he said the law was primarily designed "to convince us of our need for salvation." In light of this, how can we honor the intent of the law without becoming an unnecessary servant to it?
9. What message of hope does Paul deliver to the Galatians near the end of chapter three? How should this encourage us in our faith journey, and how might it encourage us to speak words of freedom into the lives of those around us?

