

## Sermon #7: Galatians Series 3:10–18

### BREAKING THE ICE

What struck you most about the Sunday sermon this week?

### UNDERSTANDING THE TRUTH

*Read the Passage: Galatians 3:10–18*

1. Verse 10 starts with a contrast to Paul's conclusion in vs 9. What does Paul say is true of people who seek to be justified by obedience to the Law?
2. According to this verse, how much of the Law would we have to obey to not be cursed?
3. According to Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:17-18, what did Jesus come to do in regards to the Law?
4. In contrast, in verse 9, what does Paul say about those who are of faith, like Abraham?
5. How does Paul reiterate and contrast this truth in verses 11-12? (Paul quotes the Old Testament here to show that this truth is not brand new. Read Habakuk 2:4)
6. According to vs 13, *what* did Christ do for us and *how* did He do it?
7. For what two purposes did Jesus do this for us according to vs 14?
8. Summarize how Paul uses an illustration of a human covenant or will which promises something to a person upon the death of the one making the covenant to emphasize how the OT Law (which came 400+ years later) could not change the terms nor the means by which the promised covenant to Abraham was received.
9. How does Paul's emphasis of the promises to Abraham and his "seed" help us further understand that *our* (i.e. plural) obedience to the Law is not the means by which the promise would come?
10. According to verse 18, why can the inheritance not be based on the Law?
11. Take a moment as a group to summarize or reiterate the key concepts Paul is teaching us about how we are saved and receive God's righteousness?

### SEEING JESUS CHRIST

Jesus perfectly fulfilled the law (Matthew 5:17-18), becoming the only Person worthy of not being cursed. Yet, He became a curse for us. He received what He did not deserve (a curse) so that we could receive what we did not deserve (God's righteousness).

- How does this heart-wrenching, but grace-filled truth empty your heart of any self-righteous privilege and move you toward humble, grace-filled living?

## **MAKING IT MATTER**

1. What outward acts of obedience or expectations besides faith in Christ do you tend to put on others who are new to Christian faith?
2. How should Paul's decisive and authoritative teaching on faith as the basis for our righteousness challenge your attitude of pride or despair when you consider your "righteous" works or lack thereof?
3. How would we, as a church, deepen our impact on reaching lost people in Austin if our lives more deeply reflected the truths Paul is teaching in this passage?

## **PRAYING FOR GOD'S POWER**

"This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15

When we pray according to God's will it engages the power and guidance of God to bring about our transformation. If we apply these things in our own strength, then it is just legalistic obedience. But, when we humbly ask God to change us and empower us according to His will and by His Spirit, it becomes transformational AND it glorifies God.

1. Ask people to share one key, specific application from today's lesson that they want God to bring about in their life. Then take time to pray for each other in these areas.

