

THE BOOK OF

GALATIANS

FREEDOM THROUGH CHRIST

Law or Cross

GALATIANS 3:10-14

October 29, 2023

If you are a fan of Star Trek, you are probably familiar with the Kobayashi Maru test. It's a training simulation for new cadets. The catch? The test is unbeatable; there is no way for the trainee captain to beat the scenario and save their ship. You are destined to fail. Today Paul tells us something similar about the Law. The reality is all how try to save themselves by the Law are destined to fail. The good news is there is an answer for how to win, and it's not by cheating.



**WAYPOINT
CHURCH**

Know Where You're Going.

Order Of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From Psalm 24

Leader: *The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,*

All: *for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.*

Leader: *Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,*

All: *that the King of glory may come in.*

Leader: *Who is this King of glory?*

All: *The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!*

Songs of Praise

*How Great Thou Art
Warrior*

Offering

Confession of Sin

Leader: *God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things—our hearts are filled with joy. By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and peace into Your kingdom. Salvation is Your gift to us.*

All: *But we confess that often we try to replace Your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. May Your Spirit convict us of our sin and cause us to rest in the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, through whom we have been given new life. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

From Ephesians 2:13-22

Song of Declaration

For All The Saints

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #59

Q. What good does it do you, however, to believe all this?

A. In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Sermon

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Galatians 3:10-14

Pastor James Brignac

Song of Response

The Power of The Cross

Benediction

Sermon Notes

The Problem

What is the context of Deuteronomy 27-28 which Paul cites?

What is God's standard? What is the punishment for failure?

James 2:10

Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come. – Westminster Shorter Catechism #84

What is total depravity?

Romans 3:10

The Way

What are two possible paths to justification?

The law justifies him who fulfills all its commands, whereas faith justifies those who are destitute of the merit of works and rely on Christ alone. To be justified by our own merit and by grace of another are irreconcilable. – John Calvin

What do we learn from Habakkuk 2:4?

Jeremiah 29:10

Ezekiel 21:18-23

What do we learn from Leviticus 18:4-5?

The Cross

What does it mean to be redeemed?

1 Peter 1:18-19

Why is Jesus being on the cross (tree) significant?

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

Acts 5:30

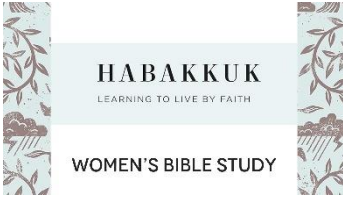
1 Peter 2:24

To the Jews, this was absolute blasphemy: a cursed Messiah on a cursed cross – Philip Ryken

What are our two options from this passage?

Galatians 2:21

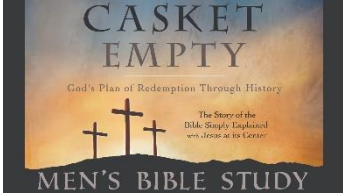
Announcements



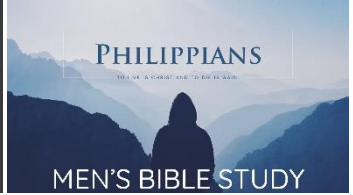
Every other Wed. at 6 PM
Led by Kasey Bushman



Every other Wed. at 10:00 AM
Led by Eloise Hill



Every other Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Led by Matt Kodatt



Every Wednesday at 10 AM
Led by Steve Jacques



Operation Christmast Child
Collection date November 19



Multiple groups are available.
Contact Pastor James to get
connected



Sundays at 6:30 PM
At Waypoint Church

Discussion Questions

1. Do you agree with the quote, "we are not sinners because we sin, but we sin because we are sinners?"
2. The Westminster Shorter Catechism #84 says, "every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come." Is this difficult for you to believe?
3. Do more people tend to believe justification by faith or by works? Why do you think that is the case?
4. Do you ever find yourself trying to earn God's love? Why?
5. How often, if ever, do you consider the cost of your salvation?
6. Is it difficult to believe in a crucified Messiah?