



Text: Galatians 3:1-9

Big Idea: Grace is the way we enter into faith in Jesus for our salvation. That same grace, not trying hard to live a better life, is how we grow in our life of faith in Him as well.

- We are justified by grace.
- We are sanctified by grace.

Discussion Questions:

1. The LORD promised childless Abram (Abraham) that his offspring would be as countless as the stars. He believed the LORD and was credited as righteous. (Gen 15:1-6) Two thousand years later, Paul uses that story to remind the Galatians, righteousness comes through faith in Jesus. Why was Abraham's story important to share with Gentile believers? What are the personal implications for you?
2. On the night of the Last Supper Jesus promised to send His disciples a Counselor, the Holy Spirit, when He was gone. (John 14:16-17, 26) What is the role of a counselor? What is unique about the Holy Spirit's counsel?
3. How does trying, on our own, to live a good life separate us from communion with the Holy Spirit?
4. A functional savior is something other than Jesus that makes us feel good and complete. What are functional saviors you've had or may be struggling with right now? How might you look at them differently the next time you're tempted to follow them?

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- What is justification? Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone. (WSC 33)
- What is sanctification? Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness. (WSC 35)