

## Outline for Galatians 3: 10-14: The tension between Faith and Law-Blessed and Cursed

Quote: Jesus + anything ruins everything!!!!

Review: Galatians 2:15-19,21. **15** "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from the Gentiles; **16** nevertheless, knowing that a person is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law; since by works of the Law no flesh will be justified. **17** But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Far from it! **18** For if I rebuild what I have *once* destroyed, I prove myself to be a wrongdoer. **19** For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live for God. **21** I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

Galatians 3:1-5. You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched(tricked) you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? **2** This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? **4** Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? **5** So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

Table discussion questions:

1. Paul declares that a person is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, so how can believers nullify the grace of God?
2. How can believers who received the Spirit by hearing with faith, now think they can try to perfect themselves by the flesh?

Galatians 3:10-14: **10** For all who are of works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written: "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THE THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO DO THEM."

-Can also be worded: Those who desire to be justified by keeping the Law.

-Paul quotes from Deuteronomy 27:26: **26** 'Cursed is *anyone* who does not fulfill the words of this Law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

**11** Now, that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH."

-Paul quotes Habakkuk 2:4: But the righteous one will live by his faith. Romans 1:17

Table discussion questions:

1. How does being justified by faith change our lives as believers going forward? Freedom!!!
2. How does it change how we should view ourselves knowing God sees us with the Righteousness of Christ?

**12** However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "THE PERSON WHO PERFORMS THEM WILL LIVE BY THEM."

-Paul quotes Leviticus 18:5: **5** So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, which, *if* a person follows them, then he will live by them; I am the LORD.

**13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written: "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"

-Paul quotes from Deuteronomy 21:22-23: **22** "Now if a person has committed a sin *carrying* a sentence of death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, **23** his body is not to be left overnight on the tree, but you shall certainly bury him on the same day (for he who is hanged is cursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

**14** in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

-Our position of being in Christ Jesus: 1 Corinthians 1:30: **30** But *it is* due to Him *that* you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption. Ephesians 2:4-6: **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **6** and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

Class discussion:

Grace vs. the Law

The Galatian believers, under the pressure from Jewish legalists, were considering rejecting the gospel of grace and reverting back to dependence on the Mosaic Law for salvation. Paul wrote this letter to outline the dramatic differences between the two approaches to God.

Grace . . .	Law . . .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● is based on faith (2:16)</li><li>● justifies sinful man (2:16, 17)</li> <li>● begins and ends with Christ (2:20)</li><li>● is the way of the Spirit (3:2, 3, &amp; 14)</li><li>● is a “blessing” (3:14)</li><li>● is God’s desired end for His people (3:23-25)</li> <li>● results in intimacy with Christ (3:27)</li><li>● makes one a son of God and an heir of Christ (4:6-7)</li><li>● brings liberty (5:1)</li><li>● depends on the power of the Holy Spirit (5:16-18, 22, &amp; 23)</li><li>● is motivated by love (5:13-14)</li><li>● centers on the cross of Christ (6:12-14)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● is based on works (2:16)</li><li>● is incapable of resulting in justification (2:16 &amp; 3:11)</li><li>● makes Christ nothing (5:3)</li><li>● is the way of the flesh (3:3)</li><li>● is a “curse” (3:13)</li><li>● was intended to be only a means to an end (3:23-25)</li><li>● results in estrangement from Christ (5:4)</li><li>● keeps one a slave (4:7)</li> <li>● results in bondage (5:1)</li><li>● depends on human effort (5:19-21)</li> <li>● Is motivated by pride (6:3, 13, &amp; 14)</li><li>● centered on circumcision (5:11 &amp; 6:12-15)</li></ul>