

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** How can you tell the difference between engaging God as a religion, and enjoying God through a relationship. To sum it up in one word - the difference is GRACE. The Book of Galatians helps Christians eradicate a religious approach to God from our lives, so that we can pursue a joyous relationship with Him. Let's learn to *Let Grace Work*.

**Religion:** Trying to be Godly without God.

**Two Key Questions:**

1. Where is the 'Trap of Religion' holding me back?
2. How is a 'Relationship of Grace' actively setting me free?

**Galatians 3:1-26 (ESV)**

Jesus got what we deserved so that we could get what only He deserved!

**How Law Works:**

- Provides Boundaries.
- Points out Sin.
- Proves our Need for Jesus.

**How Grace Works:**

- Saves us from 'the curse' of Religion
- Sustains our Devotion toward Jesus.
- Shapes the motivations of our heart. Titus 2:11-12 (NIV) Phil. 2:12-13 (NLT)

Salvation isn't our reward for obedience; salvation is our reason for obedience.

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Where is the 'Trap of Religion' holding you back? How is a 'Relationship of Grace' actively setting you free?
- 3) Read Galatians 3:13-14. What about this passage speaks to you the most? Does this stir any emotions in you? Explain.
- 4) How does understanding *How Law Works* help you in your relationship with Jesus?
- 5) Which aspect of *How Grace Works* above is most helpful to your current walk with Jesus?
- 6) Why do you obey God's Law? Does the relationship between salvation and obedience stated above ring true in your life? Explain.