

SERMON SERIES: Embracing Your Second Chance

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Key Line

The Good News is that God alone determines our second chance. How do we embrace that second chance?

Introduction

If you are a believer, tell about how you first started believing in God. Describe your “conversion”.

Seek the Word

Read Galatians 3:1-6.

- In verse 2, how does Paul say we received the Spirit? By works of the Law or by believing in Jesus? (*By faith in Jesus*)
- What is he talking about? What does verse 2 mean? (*We are saved by our belief in Jesus, not because of something that we do.*)
- Sometimes after we become believers and accept Jesus, we begin to believe that we now have to *do* something to make Jesus keep loving us. What does Paul say about that in verses 3-5? (*He says that we cannot go back to believing that the Law is what saves us. We must continue to live according to faith and believe that we are saved by faith and God’s grace, not because we are being good enough at keeping the Law.*)
- Everyone thinks Abraham was saved because he was a good man and did good works. After all, he was the founder of the Jewish religion, which is based on the Law. In verse 7, how does Paul say he was saved? (*He was saved by his faith in God. Faith in God’s grace had always been what saved us.*)

Read John 5:24.

- What does Jesus say saves us? (*Hearing his words and believing them.*)

Talk About It

- How much of your life are you living by trying to do enough good stuff to be accepted by God?
- What does it feel like when you try to work hard enough to be accepted by God?
- What does it feel like to acknowledge you can never be good enough and accept God’s grace without trying to please him in order to be loved by him?
- Scott pointed out that if we live according to grace, we live a “want to” life instead of a “have to” life. What does that mean?