

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

Galatians 3:1-14

Main Thought: In Galatians 3:1-14, we discover three arguments Paul uses to emphasize the heart of the gospel which is salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

1. THE _____ FROM PERSONAL _____ . (vv 1-5)

1) By leaving _____ we _____ the _____ of _____ .

2) By leaving grace we _____ our experience.

3) By leaving grace we make our _____ .

4) By leaving grace we _____ the _____ of the Spirit in our midst.

2. THE ARGUMENT FROM _____ . (vv 6-9)

1) Abraham was _____ by _____ before he was _____ and before the _____ of Moses.

2) Anyone who _____ the _____ is a true child of Abraham.

3) God's _____ from the beginning was to _____ all people by _____ .

3. THE ARGUMENT FROM THE _____ . (vv 10-14)

1) The _____ can _____ us.

(1) It demands _____ .

(2) It demands _____ performance.

(3) It demands _____ complete performance.

2) Being saved by keeping the Law is like trying to _____ from California to Hawaii – IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Galatians 3:1-14
2. Paul begins this chapter with the phrase “You foolish Galatians.” Why does he call them foolish?
3. Paul suggests the Galatian believers may have been “bewitched.” What does that mean? Why do you think the Galatians might have been so interested in the teachings of these false teachers? (Acts 8:9-11 and 13:6-7)
4. Why does Paul emphasize the point that before their very eyes Christ was portrayed as crucified? Why is the crucifixion of Christ important to his argument?
5. What rhetorical question did Paul ask in verse 2?
6. What is the point Paul is trying to make in verses 2-5?
7. What human efforts do we engage in to try to please God and earn our salvation apart from belief in Jesus?
8. What does Paul say about Abraham in verses 6-9? Why do you think he chose him as an example? How was Abraham saved? When did circumcision enter the picture? (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-6, 17:1-14, Habakkuk 2:4, Heb 10:38)
9. How is our faith in Christ a fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham?
10. In verses 10-12, Paul quotes three Old Testament passages (Deut 27:26, Habakkuk 2:4, Leviticus 18:5). How does each quote expose the problem of trying to be right with God by trusting in one’s ability to keep his law?
11. In 3:13-14, how does Jesus solve the problem presented by attempting to live by the law?
12. How can we avoid making the same mistake the Galatian believers were making?