

Gal 3:1-18 “Keep the Main Thing, the Main Thing!” May 7, 2023

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- 8) The following quote is commentary from **Galatians 3:5** -
"Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?--"

What stands out from the following quote?

For years, I was under the impression that the key to ministry, to being used by God, to seeing folks saved or filled with the Spirit, was my faith. Therefore, the greater my faith, the more God would do. Not true. The key was not my faith in God at all—but His faithfulness to people. ...When this is understood, it is so incredibly freeing. But until it's understood, Satan will whisper in your ear, "You don't have the technique down. You don't know enough verses yet. You haven't prayed hard enough. You haven't worshiped long enough." Precious people, Satan will paralyze you until you understand that every area of ministry is based not upon your faith, but upon God's faithfulness. ...once I understand that the One who ministers the Spirit, the One who works miracles doesn't do it by the works of the law, I am free!"
 - Jon Courson

TAKING IT HOME

- 9) If you want God to use you, bless you, and sanctify you - what is your role in that process? Is it by grace, or law? Why?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of May 7, 2023

QUICK REVIEW

- 1) What stands out to you from the comparison below?

Comparing the LAW with GRACE

The LAW...	GRACE...
Prohibits	Invites and gives
Condemns the sinner	Redeems the sinner.
Says DO	Says IT IS DONE.
Curses	Blesses
Slays the sinner	Makes the sinner alive.
Shuts every mouth before God	Opens the mouth to praise God.
Condemns the best man	Saves the worst man.
"the wages of sin is death"	"the gift of God is eternal life."
"the soul that sins shall die"	Believe and live.
Reveals sin	Atones for sin.
Is the knowledge of sin	Is redemption from sin.
Is written on stone	Is written on our hearts.
Was done away in Christ	Abides forever.

- 2) In one sentence, summarize Paul's point in Galatians 3:1-18.
- 3) What stood out to you from this Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

4) What stands out to you from the following passage?

Hebrews 10:19-25 - "[19] Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, [20] by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, [21] and having a High Priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. [23] Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. [24] And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, [25] not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

What are some things this passage says God did for you?

What are some things this passage tells you to do?

5) What stands out to you from the following quote?
"Our righteousness is based upon simple trust in Jesus to wash us and cleanse us of our sins and to make us pure in the eyes of the Father. The work of our salvation has been done. There is nothing we can do to improve it. Our good works result from God's acceptance and love; we don't do works to earn His love. Walking according to Christ's commands doesn't make us more righteous—just happier and more satisfied. What better way to live than to give my existence to the One who loves me so much in the here and now and who has promised to take care of me forever? To

be led and guided by God is the most fulfilling experience in the world." - Chuck Smith, *Why Grace Changes Everything*

6) How would you answer the following question: If God is so loving and gracious, why does He let so many people go to hell?

How does the reality of hell influence your love for the world around you?

7) Compare the following passages. In what way(s) is God's promise fulfilled that, in Abraham, "all the nations shall be blessed"?

Genesis 12:3 - [God speaking to Abraham] "I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.""

Galatians 3:8 - "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed.""

Why is it significant that God "preached the gospel" to Abraham, in the first book of the Bible?

What do these verses teach us about God?