

## Galatians Study 3

### Read Galatians 3:1-14

Summary: Believing the gospel is to repent, not just of failing the law, but of relying on the law--  
- not just for sins, but for achievements done as self-salvation.

In your family history, what are some generational patterns, traditions, or inherited traits which you see yourself repeating that could hinder your growth in Christ?

Tim Keller asks, “Do we grow spiritually by “being good” or by repenting of “being good”?  
What do you think this means?

“We all live by and rely on something (besides the grace of God and the work of Christ) as a way to justify ourselves to God, ourselves, and the world.... We are not Christians until we repent not just of our individual sins, but even of our best deeds done as a way to avoid Jesus as Savior. It is when we repent of self-righteousness that we move into the Christian faith, into a whole new way of approaching God. Paul says it: ‘All who rely on the law are under a curse’ (Gal 3:10). Luther says it: ‘We think: How many errors and sins and wrongs I have done!’ ...But the real evil is that we trust our own power to be righteous and will not lift up our eyes to see what Christ has done for us.”

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1. If you had been in the room when this letter was read for the first time, how would you have felt?

2. How are the Galatians to grow? What does Paul say are (supposed to be) the elements in their continual spiritual progress? (vs 3-5)

3. What can we learn from Abraham's example about the way to believe the gospel and the wonderful results of believing the gospel?

~Abraham as a man of faith: Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19

~How would you define faith? Hebrews 11:1-2, 6

~How can we apply faith? Hebrews 12:1-2, 11:13-16

4. Why (if verse 10 is true) can God credit us as righteous and not be unjust? (v 13-14)

5. How can you walk more fully in the "blessing of Abraham" by "the promise of the Spirit through faith" (v 14)?

~Look at John 14:16-17, 1 Corinthians 2:12-16, Galatians 5:16&25, Ephesians 3:16-17