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TOPIC: The Book of Galatians – week 5



Let's hear your story

1. Have you ever had to explain to a friend or family member what it means that Jesus died on the cross as a substitute in your place?
2. How was Jesus portrayed to the Galatians in verse 1? (**As crucified**).
3. According to v.6; who believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness? (**Abraham**).
4. According to v.7, what will distinguish the sons / children of Abraham? (**faith**).



Let's go deeper

5. According to v.10; what will happen to those who rely on the works of the law? (**Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things**).
6. According to v.11, no one is justified before God by the law, but how will the righteous live? (**The righteous will live by faith**).
7. According to v.13, how did Christ redeem us from the curse of the law? (**By becoming a curse for us**).
8. What does redemption mean? (**To buy back; to purchase; to pay the price for something – see Hebrews 9:11 – 28**).



Let's apply this

9. How did God redeem us:

Jesus is a substitute in our place. He is God in human flesh with my sins placed upon Him, the Father pouring out His wrath upon the Son for me.  
**Isaiah 53:10**, "It was the Lord's will to crush Him, to cause Him to suffer."  
**2 Cor.5:21**, "God made Him who knew no sin to become sin so that in Him, I might become the righteousness of God." When He went to the Cross, the punishment that I deserved was placed on Him. He was punished in my place. He was forsaken by the Father.

- **Thank Jesus for redeeming you from the curse of the law.**

SUMMARY:

- **The book of Galatians – No Other Gospel**

**Read:** Galatians 3:1 – 14

False teachers came in to the church and they start taking the simple message of trusting in Jesus and adding to it, other things, which, in fact, end up nullifying the message of Jesus altogether. And, Paul is arguing against these false teachers.

**v.1 – 2;** Paul says, you're not excited about Jesus anymore; you're excited about these teachers. You're not excited about what Jesus did on the Cross; you're excited about what you can do for your own condition. You're not trusting in Christ anymore; you're trusting in yourself. You've walked away from simple faith. Who's tricked you?

**v.3 – 5;** The Christian life begins with the Holy Spirit. It is empowered by the Holy Spirit and it ends with the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It is about God's power through God's people to God's glory and to our joy. Paul says, why does God do wonderful things in your midst? Is it because you were all holy and righteous and good? Or is it simply because you heard about Jesus and you trusted him? Faith in Him and you believed Him.

**v.6 – 9;** These self-righteous people came in to the church and they say, you guys need to be just like Abraham. Abraham was what race? Jew. You need to be a Jew if you really want to be in right relationship with God. What did Abraham do to himself? He circumcised himself. You need men to be circumcised. And he obeyed the Old Testament laws. You need to be like Abraham. You need to be a circumcised Jew who obeys the Old Testament laws of Moses. But Abraham didn't start off as a Jew, but as a Gentile from Ur in the Chaldeans, (see Genesis 11:31). Do we need to start off as a Jew? No. Abraham believed the promises of God and faith and then he was circumcised how long after? About 14 years. So, was Abraham saved because of circumcision or because of faith, trusting the promises of God? It was faith. He was saved because he trusted the promises of God.

**v.10 – 12;** Paul asks six questions. He points out the flaws in their thinking about Mosaic Law and trying to be legalistic. He talks about the inability of just knowing what is good and trying to do it as being sufficient for holiness. And then he tells us about Jesus. You see what he does? He tells us how desperately we need Jesus, so that when we hear about Him it is refreshing and it's satisfying.

**v.13 – 14;** How did God redeem us? Jesus is a substitute in our place. He is God in human flesh with my sins placed upon Him, punishing God in my place, the Father pouring out His wrath upon the Son for me. **Isaiah 53:10**, "It was the Lord's will to crush Him, to cause Him to suffer." **2 Corinthians 5:21**, "God made Him who knew no sin to become sin so that in Him, I might become the righteousness of God."