
Study 4

Galatians 3:1-14 | Don't be a fool!

Get Talking

1. If you are a Christian, how have you grown spiritually over the last few months, years, decades? What caused this growth?

READ Galatians 3:1-4

2. Why does Paul use such strong language in verse 1? Is he right in doing so?
3. How does Paul want the Galatians to answer his question in verse 2? Why is it important to understand this biblical truth?
4. What does Paul mean by the "flesh" in v3? What part do you play when it comes to the progressive sanctification in your Christian walk?

READ Galatians 3:5-9

5. Why is Paul's reference to Abraham's faith a solid argument against how the false teachers were seeking to bewitch the Galatians? Consider ...
 - a. The Lord's call of and promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-4)
 - b. The Lord's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6)
 - c. The timing of Abraham's circumcision (Genesis 17:23-27)
6. How would you share the gospel from this Old Testament account?

READ Galatians 3:10-14

7. What do we learn in Deuteronomy 27-28 about blessing and curse?
 - a. What leads to blessing?
 - b. What results in curse?
8. The theme of curse runs throughout the bible and is closely connected to being exiled from God's presence. What examples can you think of and what does this teach us about ourselves?
9. How does God remain faithful to his promise of blessing? ie. What solution does he provide to the curse faced by humanity?
10. Why should Jesus, the sinless Messiah, be cursed by God?
11. According to v14, who all benefits from Jesus' penal substitution¹ described in v13? What are the benefits of being redeemed by Christ?
12. In which ways are you still seeking to win God's favour?
13. What are you most grateful for given this study in Galatians 3:1-14? Which specific truths relate most to your life and how will you share that with someone in this coming week?

¹ "God gave himself in the person of his Son to suffer instead of us the death, punishment and curse due to fallen humanity as the punishment for sin" in Pierced for Our Transgressions: Rediscovering the Glory of Penal Substitution by Steve Jeffery, Michael Ovey, Andrew Sach; Crossway, 2007