

Galatians

Freed by Christ to Follow the Spirit
Galatians 2:15-21 "A Clean Break from the Law"

Adding anything to Faith in Christ, results in death

DISCUSSION POINT ONE: Why was this happening?

1. Paul makes it clear in vs 15 that even though they (Paul, Peter, Barnabas) were Jews, they still knew Justification came by faith not works of the Law.
2. Why do you think these Judaizers weren't able or willing to admit this?
3. What are some reasons that the believers in Galatia were willing to submit to this teaching?
4. What was it that was attractive to them about this Legalism?

DISCUSSION POINT TWO: Thinking about the Law.

1. What purpose did the law serve in the Old Testament?
2. Why doesn't it apply to us today?
3. What are some examples of legalism in other churches or religions?
4. How can legalism get a foothold in our relationships with our spouses, kids and others?
5. What are the potential dangers of it?

DISCUSSION POINT THREE: The Gospel.

1. What is Paul talking about in Gal 2:19-20?
2. In what ways was Jesus a substitute for us?
3. Wouldn't it be more loving for God to simply forgive us and wipe the slate clean? Why doesn't he just do that?
4. What barriers in our world does the gospel break down?

FOR MEDITATION: AT HOME THIS WEEK:

1. Are you prepared to share the Gospel message? Pray that you might have the opportunity to this week!
2. Can you think of someone in your life now who needs to hear the Gospel message? Be praying that God would begin to open their heart, and give you a chance to share.
3. Work on memorizing Galatians 5:13-6:10 with the church family.

FOR PRAYER:

Continue to uphold the Shelter Valley believers, and the GCC team that serves there.

We have a number of people pursuing membership here at Grace. Pray they would have wisdom in that decision.

Pray for the new home groups starting up soon, especially the leaders.

Let's continue to pray for the Lord's love and power to be seen in Barangonan Island.

Pray for wisdom in decisions about the future for the Ingvoidstads.

Pray for encouragement for Benders and Ingvoidstads. Ask God for protection from injuries and from sickness.

Pray for the Barangonan believers as they begin teaching other tribes the Gospel!

Pray for the men who are growing in Christ and taking on greater responsibilities on Barangonan Island.

Thank God and uphold in prayer the "TFG" (Time For God) group of children and young folks who meet every day!

Pray with the strong, self-motivated women's group as they study God's Word and grow to be mature believers.

Pray for new believers from among the people!