

DISCUSSION IDEAS
A DANGEROUS DECISION

Galatians 3:1-14

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♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: PAUL CALLS THE GALATIAN BELIEVERS CLUELESS – WHY?**

Read through Gal. 3:1-5. Compare Eph. 1:13-14.

Actually the term here is "mindless".

What does the Word tell us about the believer's relationship to the Holy Spirit?

On what basis are our sins forgiven? Check Col. 2:13-15.

If God has provided forgiveness for me and has actually had the Holy Spirit come to live within me, what actions of mine can earn me acceptance before God?

Remember the story of a rescuer carrying someone across a raging river, when half way across, that person says "OK. You can put me down now. I can go the rest of the way by myself."

What is the meaning of "Faith"? Compare Gal. 3:6 – What was the trust relationship between Abraham and God?

Do you really trust that God has done ALL the work necessary to make us right with Him?

Read Romans 8:1-11 and then go back and re-read verse 11.

Compare Eph. 1:18-20. What measure of God's power, acted out on our behalf, is quoted?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: WHAT WAS THE CURSE OF THE LAW?**

Gal. 3:10 makes a pretty strong statement about trying to follow the Law.

Why was it a curse to try and please God through the Law?

In all history, did anyone ever succeed in fully obeying the Law?

In what way, then, did Jesus take on that curse in place of us? Read on down to verse 14.

Instead of a curse, what blessing was given to us through trusting God? See verse 14.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: SO WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO LIVE BY FAITH?**

The Jews were looking back at obeying the Law in order to appease God.

In what ways might we make the same kind of mistake in our Christian lives?

Can any action of ours influence God to love and forgive us?

What DOES our obedience to Him affect?

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Think here about fellowship and growth. Look at 1 John 1:9.

♦ **FOR MEDITATION:**

What is my relationship with God on a minute by minute basis?

How is Faith (Trust) in God's power involved in my daily life?

Compare Gal. 5:19-20 with verses 22-25.

What provision has God made to help me understand His Word?

(See John 16:13-16 and 1 Cor. 2:12-16.)

What priority should the Bible have in my daily life? Why?

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♦ **FOR PRAYER:**

Continue to uphold the Shelter Valley believers, and the GCC team that serves there. Pray for continued growth in understanding among those who attend about God's Plan and what it really means to follow Him.

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 Baranganon Island.

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

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

Praise and continued prayer: Continue to uphold the Tagbanwa believers who go to a neighboring island every Friday to teach about God. Pray too for the hearers to respond.

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.