

Our Faith vs. Our Works (Galatians 3:1-14) - Freedom May 7, 2023

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I grow spiritually because I \_\_\_\_\_

| 6 Questions |            |          |           |  |
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| You         | Teacher?   | Foolish? | Suffer?   |  |
| God         | Salvation? | Growth?  | Miracles? |  |

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? **Galatians 3:1 NKJV** 

This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? — **Galatians 3:2 NKJV** 

Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? **Galatians** 3:3 **NKJV** 

Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? Galatians 3:4 NKJV

Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, *does He do it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **Galatians 3:5 NKJV** 

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### I grow spiritually because I believe God more (by the Spirit)

| 6 Quotations |                        |  |  |  |
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| Abraham      | Gen 15, Gen 12         |  |  |  |
| Moses        | Deut 27, Hab 2, Lev 18 |  |  |  |
| Jesus        | Deut 21                |  |  |  |

just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Galatians 3:6 NKJV

Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. Galatians 3:7 NKJV

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." **Galatians 3:8 NKJV** 

So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham. Galatians 3:9 NKJV

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." Galatians 3:10 NKJV

But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." Galatians 3:11 NKJV

Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them." Galatians 3:12 NKJV

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), **Galatians 3:13 NKJV** 

that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. **Galatians 3:14 NKJV** 

Am I living an "I should" or "I believe" Christianity?

### This Week's New Testament+ reading plan:

- 1. Romans 3
- 2. Romans 4
- 3. Romans 5
- 4. Romans 6
- 5. Romans 7
- 6. Genesis 15
- 7. Prayer & Reflection

#### **NURSERY**

# GOD MADE ANIMALS

**CREATION (PART 1)** 



In this series we'll be learning that God made all of the animals! When your kid encounters a cat or dog at home, animals at the zoo, or animals in your neighborhood take that opportunity to help him/her see God's majesty and creativity! Enjoy this time of wonder and exploration with your toddler!

Memory Verse: God made the animals. Genesis 1:25 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Made the Jungle Animals

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned God made creatures of the jungle! Click the link to dance and listen to a song all about jungle animals! Get the whole family to participate! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoSq-yZcJ-4

### **GKJR**

## IN THE BEGINNING

EARLY STORIES OF THE BIBLE



The early church brings tons of great lessons on who God wants us to be, and what God wants us to do! More importantly, the early church tells us who Jesus is! Let's pray and be glad for the Jesus saves and helps everyone!

**Memory Verse:** Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

Heart of the Lesson: God Tells Us To Go - Acts 8:26-40

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned about how God tells us to go! In our story Philip obeyed God when He said to 'GO!' On his way he met and baptized the Ethiopian. GO and take a walk as a family! As you pass people tell them 'Hi! God loves you!'

### **ELEMENTARY**

## PRAYER AND PICKLEBALL



LEARNING HABITS OF PRAYER

Sometimes prayer can seem boring and monotonous. In our series, Prayer and Pickleball, we invite kids into a vibrant relationship with Jesus through prayer. We will teach them how to grow their prayer life through things like listening to the Holy Spirit, being honest with God, and keeping track of how God is actively working in their lives through written prayers.

**Memory Verse:** If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." – Romans 10:9

Heart of the Lesson: Don't Lose Count: Keep Track of God's awesome work, writing out your prayers.

**Parent Connect:** Pick a place to write your prayers. Could be a bathroom mirror, a whiteboard, or a chalk wall. Somewhere you will see it every day and be reminded to be praying for those things.



You Asked For It is back and better than ever! We're putting a fun twist on our classic You Asked For It series by watching videos of Tim answering the questions that YOU, the students of G56, have asked!

**Memory Verse:** Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

**Heart of the Lesson:** How do we know what God's answer to our prayer is? James 5:16-18, Joshua 7:10-13, 2 Corinthians 12:8-10, Matthew 26:36-46, Acts 1:6-7, John 16:12, Ephesians 3:20-21

**Parent Connect:** What is something you are currently praying for? Share together as a family, and then spend some time praying for each other.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS**

## **FREEDOM**

What does it mean to have freedom in Jesus?

We have true freedom in Jesus! But while we have true freedom, we're tempted to make ourselves happy in what the world offers. In this series, we're looking at the book of Galatians to remember how amazing and complete our freedom in Jesus truly is!

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:1 (NIRV) Christ has set us free to enjoy our freedom. So remain strong in the faith. Don't let the chains of slavery hold you again.

Heart of the Lesson: The Good News means we don't have to be perfect! (Galatians 3:1-14)

#### **Parent Connect:**

- How are we saved?
- How do we grow in our faith?
- Do I need to rely on my own strength or the Holy Spirit to change my attitudes and actions?
- What is the true Good news?