

# THE SWEETNESS OF FREEDOM

GALATIANS

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## PART 5: THE GOSPEL IS FOR LIFE!

Galatians 3:1-14

### The Extent of the Gospel *(Galatians 3:1-6)*

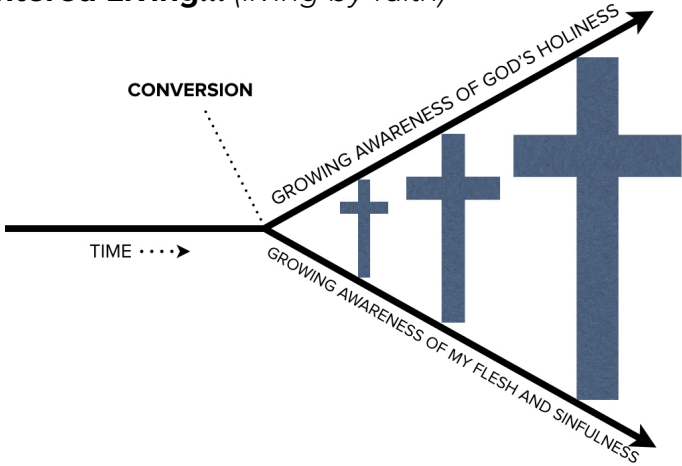
Not only are you **JUSTIFIED** by faith (not works),

You are also **SANCTIFIED** by faith (not works)!

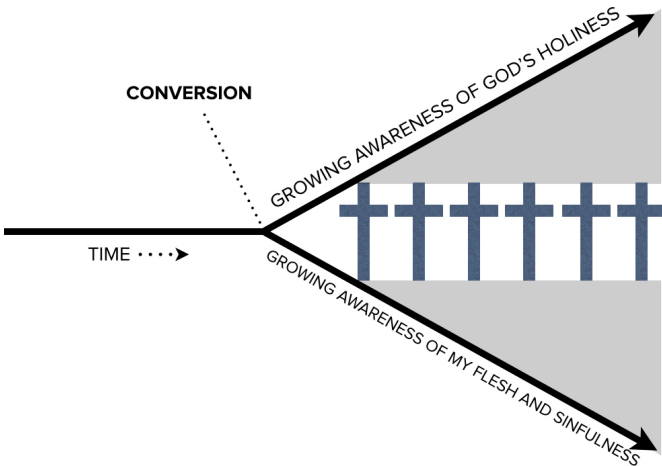
### Three Stages of the Christian Life:

<b>1. Justification</b>	To be declared righteous	<i>Work of the Gospel at our conversion.</i>
<b>2. Sanctification</b>	To be made holy	<i>Ongoing work of the Gospel in our lives.</i>
<b>3. Glorification</b>	The final removal of sin	<i>The future promise/work of the Gospel in eternity.</i>

## Gospel-Centered Living... *(living by faith)*



## "Shrinking the Cross"... *(living by works)*



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## The Example of Abraham *(Galatians 3:6-14)*

*See also: 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Cor. 1:30-31; Rom 8:1-4; 1 Peter 2:21-24*

The entirety of the Christian life (start to finish)  
is one of **FAITH!** — *Believing God!*

# 1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

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## GETTING STARTED

1. What is the most foolish thing you've either witnessed or heard about in the last few weeks/months? How do you define foolishness?
2. **Read Galatians 3:1-14.**

## DISCUSS

3. How does someone become a Christian?
  - **Read Galatians 3:2-3.** How does a Christian grow and continue in their faith?
4. Paul quotes Habakkuk 2:4 in **v. 11** saying "*The righteous shall live by faith.*" To "live by" something means to **rely on it** for our meaning, confidence, identity, fulfillment, future, etc. — If your name was put into that phrase, "*\_\_\_\_\_ lives by...*" — how would the sentence be completed? What do you "*live by*"?
5. **Look at v. 6.** What does Paul say Abraham did? What's the difference between that and *believing in God*?
6. What commonly accepted rules have many Christians tried to make part of the gospel? How is this similar to what the Judaizers were doing among the Galatian believers?
7. What does it mean that Christ "redeemed us"? (See **1 Corinthians 1:30; Galatians 4:3-5; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19**)
8. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:21-24.** How did Jesus become a "curse" for us? (v. 13)
9. When have you felt spiritually overwhelmed or frustrated because of your inability to live up to God's standard? How did you resolve this? What would Paul say to those who are religiously frustrated?
10. How does having righteousness credited to us change the way we see ourselves? Our Christian lives? Jesus Christ?
11. Which truth in **Galatians 3:13-14** excites you most today?

## WRAPPING UP

Think of a sin that you regularly commit. What are you worshipping more than Jesus that causes you to decide to disobey Him? How will you replace that false savior with your true Savior next time you're tempted?

Many questions taken from "Galatians for You" by Timothy Keller (Purcellville, VA: The Good Book Company, 2013) and John MacArthur, *Galatians: The Wonderous Grace of God*, MacArthur Bible Studies (Nashville, TN: W Publishing Group, 2000).

# FREEDOM

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Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the "1:10" comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week, and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.  
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

## Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Syracuse Baptist Church.

## Personal Prayer Items

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## Word Find for Galatians 3:1-5 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

1 **O foolish Galatians!** Who has **bewitched** you? It was before your **eyes** that **Jesus Christ** was **publicly portrayed** as **crucified**.<sup>2</sup> Let me ask you **only** this: Did you **receive** the **Spirit** by **works** of the law or by **hearing** with **faith**?<sup>3</sup> Are you so **foolish**? **Having begun** by the **Spirit**, are you now **being perfected** by the **flesh**?<sup>4</sup> Did you **suffer** so **many things** in **vain**—if **indeed** it was in **vain**?<sup>5</sup> Does he who **supplies** the **Spirit** to you and **works miracles** among you do so by **works** of the law, or by **hearing** with **faith**?

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