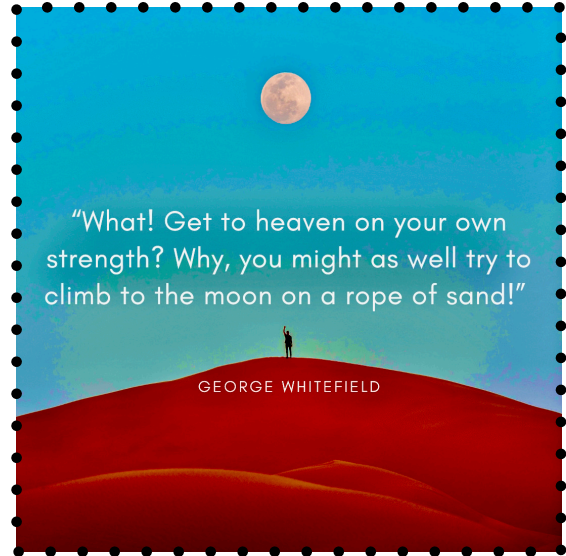


Sermon Scavenger Hunt

Galatians 3:1-14

Think about it...Report cards. Standardized tests. Athletic awards. Have you been tempted to think, “I am what I am because of what I do or because of what I’ve failed to do”? This performance driven message is so different from the biblical message of grace! God’s love for you is not based on what you do or fail to do.

Sermon Scavenger Hunt Questions...Listen to the sermon to discover answers to the following questions. Submit your answers for a prize!



1. True or False. “There is nothing I can do to make God love me more than He already loves me right now.”
2. What error needed correcting among the churches in Galatia?
3. **Read Galatians 3:1-5 where Paul defends the gospel by reminding the Galatians about their own personal experience with Jesus.**

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ² I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? ³ Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? ⁴ Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain? ⁵ So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

4. What words or phrases reveal Paul’s feelings?
5. Why is it foolish to add works to the gospel of grace?
6. Have you ever tried to prove to God that you are worthy of being saved?

- 7. The false teachers are using Moses to argue for the addition of circumcision, obeying the Jewish laws, and observing holy days for salvation. Paul says, if you want to talk history, let's talk history and go back all the way to Abraham. Read Galatians 3:6-9.**

⁶ So also Abraham "believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁷ Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. ⁸ Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." ⁹ So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

8. How does Paul use Abraham as an example of faith instead of law keeping?
9. Paul says to the Galatian Christians – look at the life of Abraham and you will see a man saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. What do we have in common with Abraham?

- 10. If the Galatians want the Law, then they need to know those who are relying on the Law for salvation are under a curse. Read Galatians 3:10-14.**

¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." ¹¹ Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith." ¹² The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them." ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." ¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

11. Jesus Christ was able to redeem believers from the law's curse by enduring the curse in our place. What does it mean to you personally that Christ became a curse for you?
12. "What! Get to heaven on your own strength? Why, you might as well try to climb to the moon on a rope of sand!" (George Whitefield) Consider some ways you have tried to prove to God that you are worthy of his grace or tried to earn God's favor. How does this text in Galatians encourage you to trust in Christ?
13. In the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee in Luke 18, Jesus says, "¹⁴ tell you that this man (tax collector), rather than the other (the Pharisee), went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." What did the tax collector understand?
14. Romans 3:23 reminds us, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." If we're relying on obedience to the Law for salvation we are still under that curse. What are some differences between living by the law versus living by faith?