



# GALATIANS

*grace changes everything*

## Sermon Questions

Date: *October 8, 2023* | Scripture: *Galatians 3:1-14*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. Thus far, Galatians has covered the centrality of justification by faith—how we are made right before God. Now Paul is pivoting to sanctification—how we are changed. Why is that order important?
3. Paul says that change begins with us receiving the Holy Spirit by faith. How does the Holy Spirit change us?
4. Paul says that, just like justification, sanctification also comes by faith. All too often, we're willing to accept justification by faith but then turn our hearts right back to works for sanctification. How is this wrong? How do we change by faith?
5. If all our sins are totally wiped away in Christ and our works do nothing to recommend us to God, why would we be interested in change at all? Why not continue in sin?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

This passage in Galatians shows us ways grace changes everything, or in other words, ways God's work through Jesus' death and resurrection makes a difference in our lives. Still, it can be easy to feel a disconnect between the power we see displayed in the Bible and the ruts we find ourselves stuck in today. Perhaps you've experienced powerful gospel transformation in some parts of your life, but other parts seem frozen. If you resonate with that, don't be discouraged! God isn't done with you yet.

- Where are the places in life you are tempted toward hopelessness? What sin patterns, relationships, desires, etc do you doubt will ever change?
- How does the gospel speak directly to that hopeless place?

**ACTION:** Because sanctification comes by faith, we never grow beyond prayer. Prayer is the practice of coming before God with all our sin patterns, broken relationships, and bent desires, placing them at his feet, and crying out "Father, I need you to fix this."

Sometimes, our heavenly Father will take it into his own hands and fix it for you. Sometimes, he will kneel down next to you, teach you step-by-step what to do, and fix it through you. Either way, change only ever comes by bringing our needs before God our Father.

Choose one to two things you listed in your answer to that first question. Make mention of them in all your prayers this week. You can set aside a time to specifically pray at length for those hopeless places; you can simply say "Father, please fix this" during your prayers before meals. Then wait and watch for God to lead.