

Galatians 2:17-3:9 Faith Preceded and Supersedes the Law

Introduction:

- Paul has criticized those who add the Law to Grace, or at show fear of those who did.

Faith and the Law Do Not Work Together

- Paul explains that adding the Law to faith nullifies _____. (2:17-18, 21)
- We are dead to the Law and alive to God through _____. (2:19-20)

Paul's Challenge to the Galatians

- Who has cast a spell on you to draw you away from the _____? (3:1a)
- You clearly understood about _____ and His crucifixion. (3: 1b)
- Did you receive the Spirit of God because you were obedient to the Law or because you believed the _____ when you heard it? (3:2)
- What makes you think that obeying the _____ can add to your faith? (3:3)
- If you didn't cast your _____ away when you were suffering for it, why would you cast it aside now? (3:4)
- Did God use the Law to give you the _____, or did He use faith? (3:5)

Who are the True Children of Abraham?

- God counted Abraham as _____ because of Abraham's faith. (3:6)
- The true children of _____ are those who follow his example of faith in God. (3:7, 9)
- This was what God meant when He promised to bless all _____ through Abraham. (3:8)

Group Discussion:

- Can adding legalistic burdens to our Christian experience improve our faith or benefit us in any other way that counts for eternity?
- Why might Christians who know they are saved by faith allow legalists to dictate "codes of conduct" or other extra-Biblical standards to them?
- How might Christians tolerating, or even currying the favor of legalistic people hurt new believers?