GALATIANS 3:10-14 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE OLD CURSED CROSS - (SERMON MP3)

	d Galatians 3:10-14. Which truth in that passage excites you most today, and why? In what ways has this passage enabled you to ate Christ's death more than you did before?
*	If Galatians 3:10 is true, how can God credit us as righteous without being unjust?
*	How does having righteousness credited to us change the way we see ourselves, our Christian lives, and Jesus himself?2
*	Has this passage given you more or less confidence in the fact that your sins have actually been paid for by Christ?
2.) If you	u had to make the case for grace to a religious friend who insisted that "salvation can't be a free gift! Surely, we have to do our part!"
*	What would you say? How can Galatians 3:10-14 offer help in your explanation?
**	List the names of those in your life who desperately need to know that salvation is a gift and can't be earned. Commit to pray for them. As God for opportunities to share Christ's message of love and grace.
3.) The (a debto	Greek word for "redeemed" in Galatians 3:13 was often used to speak of purchasing a slave out of bondage, or buying freedom for r.
**	So what did Paul mean when he said "Christ redeemed us?" Look up the following verses to help you unpack the theological significance of the term (Titus 2:14; Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:7).
**	Do you think it was fair for Christ to be your substitute and to pay your penalty? When you think about him acting as your substitute and dying for you, what attitude and emotion is called forth in your heart?
	ive by" something means to rely on it for your happiness or fulfillment. Whatever you live by is essentially the bottom line of your life. It undation – what gives meaning, confidence, and definition to your life.
*	In your own experience, what does it mean to live by faith and what does it mean to live by the law?

What are some of the differences between law and faith?

₩ What are som	e of the obstacles to	o living by faith? 3					
5.) Do you think Christ's life was good enough to deserve God's approval? Are you willing to rely on it for your eternal destiny? Is Jesus Christ a reliable enough and good enough Savior for you to trust him? Which would you rather trust in for your eternal standing before God: your own life or Christ's?4							
6.) In Galatians 3:13 it says that Christ "became a curse for us." What do we learn about Christ as our curse-bearer from that verse and the following (2Corinthians 5:21; 1Peter 2:21-24; Isaiah 53:4-6)?							
Why is there a curse hanging over those who try to rely on observing the law? What explanation can you derive from the following verses (Galatians 3:10; 5:3; James 2:10)?							
Summarize in your own words a definition of substitutionary atonement.							
# How does the idea of a necessary substitute conflict with the teaching of the Judaizers?							
DIG DEEPER QUESTIONS 7.) How does Paul contrast the law and faith? What does he say is the destiny of the one who fails to keep 100% of the law?							
When have you felt spiritually overwhelmed or discouraged because of your inability to live up to God's standard? How did you resolve this?							
	** What would Paul say to those who are frustrated by man-made "religious" standards?5						
8.) Galatians 3:10-14 contains rich theology on the topic of salvation (aka "soteriology"). See if you can define the following terms and note where they are found in the study text this week. Complete the table below.							
Soteriology Term	Redemption	Justification	Regeneration	Substitutionary Atonement			
What does is mean?							
Where is it found in the text?							
9.) If Christ bore all the guilt for our sins, all the wrath of God against sin, and all the penalty of death that we deserved, will God ever turn his wrath against you as a believer (see Romans 8:1, 31-39)?							
Can any of the hardships or sufferings that you experience in life be due to the wrath of God against you?							
If not, then why do we as Christians experience difficulties and sufferings in this life (see Romans 8:28; Hebrews 12:3-11)?							