

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Galatians: Jesus + Nothing - Part 1

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Introduction

This week we are starting a six-part series from the book of Galatians called "Jesus Plus Nothing." Throughout this early writing of Paul, he continually reminds the church in Galatia that Jesus is the sum total of the gospel message, and that they need not add anything extra to be saved and accepted by God. Jesus has done it all for us. Scripture clearly says that Jesus died for our sins, and if we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our heart that He was raised from the dead, we will be saved. It has all been done for us (Romans 10:9-10) – we simply need to trust and believe.

Read

Galatians 1:1-24

Discuss

1. If you were asked to share the Gospel message in 30 seconds, what would you say? What would you not say?
2. "Faith is an attitude of trust that allows a third party to act upon your behalf." How does this definition apply to the Christian belief? How do you understand faith?
3. Who or what are you placing your faith in? How is this evident?
4. Read Galatians 1:3-4. What does it mean to you that Jesus rescued us from our sins? Why do we still sin?
5. "Salvation (accepting Jesus and being saved) happens in a moment, sanctification (changing our old ways to become more like Jesus) takes a lifetime." Why is this the case? Why do we struggle to give up our old ways of life?

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6. Every person has areas of weakness that we can be tempted to fall back into. What can we do to protect ourselves from these temptations? What works for you? What does not work?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. What does it mean to examine yourself? Do you pass this test? What do you need to do now?

Respond

When we hear the good news that Jesus died for our sins and that we can put our faith in Him, we have a choice to make. We can accept this or reject it. If you have never accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, what is stopping you from doing so right now? (Read John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10.)

If you have already accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, what is the Holy Spirit working on in your life today to make you more like Jesus?