



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Grace is free, unmerited favor of God, working on our mind and heart to change lives.

HEAD CHANGE: We are too sinful to contribute to our salvation.

HEART CHANGE: We are saved by belief in Jesus' work plus nothing else.

LIFE CHANGE: We do not live God's way to become His children, but out of gratitude that we are already God's children.

OVERVIEW

Outline of the Gospel

It's very common in Christian circles to assume that "the gospel" is something mainly for non-Christians. We see it as a set of basic "ABC" doctrines that are the way in which someone enters the Kingdom of God. We often assume that once we are converted, we don't need to hear or study the gospel – we need more "advanced" material. But in this short letter to the churches in Galatia, the Apostle Paul outlines the bombshell truth that the gospel is the A to Z of the Christian life. It is not only the way to enter the Kingdom, but it is the way to live as part of the Kingdom. It is the way Christ transforms people, churches, and communities. The essence of this message is not how to live, but what Jesus has done for us on the cross.

"How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?"

-Galatians 3:3 (NLT)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated with you?
2. Have you ever considered that you may have forgotten that the gospel is the source of your ongoing acceptance? How, and why?
3. Do you have a hard time thinking about yourself as a sinner? Or do you lean toward thinking about yourself as a morally good person? Considering the gospel, how might the way you think about yourself determine how you relate to God?
4. Think of the sin that you regularly commit. What are you worshipping more than Jesus that causes you to decide to disobey Him? How will you replace that false savior with your true Savior the next time you are tempted?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, we can't do any of this without You. Thank You for revealing the finished work of Jesus to us. May we live with a greater understanding of your grace and approval on our lives because of what Jesus has done. If there are any areas of our lives that are captured by pride, reveal that to me now. I repent and ask for your humility, to walk with you and obey you in response to your love and grace toward me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!