

JESUS FREES US FROM THE PURSUIT OF SELF-SALVATION

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FREES US FROM THE PURSUIT OF SELF-SALVATION

Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Corinthians 3:5; Romans 1:17; Hebrews 10:38

BIBLE VERSE: GALATIANS 3:10-13

“For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, ‘Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.’ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’ But the law is not of faith, rather ‘The one who does them shall live by them.’ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree’—”

BIG IDEAS

- The curse of the law is that we are unable to keep it.
- The law revealed our inability to rescue ourselves from our spiritual condition.
- The righteous live by faith.

BIBLE PASSAGE: GALATIANS 3:10-14

UNITE: LIVING IN FREEDOM

The Unite year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are brought into the family of God- seen throughout the Old Testament as “God’s People” and in the New Testament and today as the church (Exodus 6:7; Colossians 1:18). We are set free from our sin to walk in freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1) and use our influence to call others to do the same.

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- True freedom is only found in being a servant of Jesus
- We are set free not to do whatever we want, but to live for Christ



Every student should feel...

- Grateful for Christ who sets us free
- Convicted of the ways that they are ruled by the desires of their flesh
- Responsible to use their influence to make much of God alone



Every student should strive to...

- Read through the book of Galatians each week
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Deny the desires of their flesh to walk in step with the Spirit



Every student should want...

- See the ways that they are tempted to pursue self-salvation, and repent of these
- Live for the approval of God, not others
- Help others move out of slavery to sin toward freedom in Christ

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that Jesus frees us from having to save ourselves. We will pray with them to understand their freedom more as we lead them to practice living by faith.

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Read Galatians 3:10-14 this week and answer the questions below in your journal:

- Why are people under a curse because of the law? What Old Testament teaching reveals this curse?
- What does Paul mean when he says it is evident that no one is justified by the law?
- What does it mean that the righteous shall live by faith? How do the righteous live by faith?
- Why is it significant that Christ became a curse on our behalf?
- What does it mean to live by faith freely?

Read and meditate on Galatians 3:10-14 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter what it means to live by faith. How can you model this truth to your son or daughter?
- Consider how to help your son or daughter understand that they are unable to redeem themselves. How can you discuss this truth with your son or daughter?
- Ponder ways to help your son or daughter learn to live by faith in Jesus each day. How can you help them learn to walk by faith daily?



Pray for your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to help them grow in their understanding of what it means to walk by faith.
- Spend time praying with your student this week. Ask God to help your student to grow in his or her understanding of how to live by faith.



Memorize Galatians 3:10-14 this week.

- Write the verses on an index card and review them daily to help your son or daughter learn them.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some ways you practice living by faith daily. Help your son or daughter establish a daily plan to grow in their walking by faith.
- Meet with your student this week to discuss ways that he or she lacks faith in the work that Jesus has done. Discuss some ways that he or she may still rely on their own works instead of the work that Jesus has done.