

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: He Took our Curse

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 3:10-4:7

“The righteous shall live by faith.”

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Galatians 3:10-14. How would you compare a law-based approach to obtaining justification (a right standing before God) with an approach based solely on faith in Christ? Why are those who rely on works of the law under God’s curse?

Read Galatians 3:15-29. How is God’s covenant with Abraham different from the covenant he made with the people of Israel through Moses? How would you explain the purpose of each of these two covenants?

Why did God give us his law? What role does the law serve in our salvation? What is the law unable to accomplish? Why is faith in Christ alone necessary and sufficient for our justification?

What blessings and benefits do we receive once we have been justified by faith in Christ? How are those blessings connected to the promises God made to Abraham?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

In what ways is the good news, that we are justified by trusting in Christ alone and not our good deeds, counter-intuitive, unexpected and surprising? Why are we often so prone to believing that we are generally good people who can save ourselves by our own efforts?

In what ways might you be tempted to fall into a law-based mindset when it comes to your relationship with God? What effect does a works-based mentality have on your spiritual life?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

Just how serious is the problem of sin? How would you explain the fundamental problem of human sinfulness to an unbelieving friend or family member? Similarly, how might you explain to them God’s free gift of justification by faith alone in Christ alone as the answer to the problem of the human condition?

When we come to deeply believe that God has forgiven us of all our sins and justified us freely in Christ by faith alone, what effect does that have on us? How does it change our outlook on life and our hope for the future? How does it impact our sense of identity? How does it affect our ability to face hardships and disappointments?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

How might we become more deeply rooted in the gift of God’s grace in Christ? How might we come to more deeply believe the Gospel this week?