



May 4-5, 2024

LIFENOTES  
Faith vs Works

GALATIANS 3:1-14

**Session Objectives: To help us realize the necessary balance of faith and works. One without the other does not benefit us in our walk with God.**

**Resources:**

**Ice Breaker:** Who is the nicest public figure you have ever met? Why did you like them.



1. See the **folly** of works and the **power** of faith.
  - Religion is Jesus **and...**, faith is **simply** Jesus.
2. Internal **motivations** reveal your path.
  - Works are motivated by **fear** & **obligation**.
  - Faith is motivated by **celebration** & **gratitude**.
3. Jesus broke the **curse** of sin by becoming a **curse**.


*“For our sake He (God) made Him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him (Jesus) we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21*



What stood out to you in the sermon? What was significant or interesting to you?

Have you participated in the “folly of works” based religion? If so, how was your experience, and how did you discover the freedom of faith?

Pastor talked about our “internal motivations.” Have you been motivated by fear & obligation? How so? Do celebration & gratitude mark your life of faith today? Why or why not?



## DIGGING DEEPER

Do you struggle more with escaping a religious past, a sinner's past or a combination of both?

What "Christian rules" have seemed to be important in your past Christian circles? Can you identify a positive purpose for those rules, or did they burden you unnecessarily?

After beginning our Christians lives by faith, many of us at one time or another imitate the Galatians and fall into relying on our own efforts. Why do you think this happens?

When we have fallen victim to the lies that "faith is not enough, we should be doing something more to earn it", how do we bring ourselves back from living those lies? Consider **Ephesians 2:8-10** in your answer.



## APPLY

This week, let's not be the ones who speak about our faith and do not live it. What can you do to put your faith into action?

*"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."* **Matthew 7:12**

*"For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever."* **Heb 7:26-28**



## IN THE WORD

**Day 1** Galatians 3:1-14  
**Day 3** 2 Corinthians 5:21  
**Day 5** James 2:14-26  
**Day 7** 1 John 3:18

**Day 2** Matthew 7:12  
**Day 4** Ephesians 2:8-10  
**Day 6** Hebrews 11:6