

WRITE IT DOWN!

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LISTEN UP!

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I. A Contrast . . .

- works of law vs. faith
- cursed vs. blessed

II. A Curse . . .

- A. Who is under “the curse”?
- B. Why “the curse”?
- C. What is “the curse”?

III. A Cross . . .

- A. Christ is **cursed**
- B. Christ is cursed **by God**
- C. Christ is cursed by God **for us**

IV. A Cure . . .

- A. How Christ cures. . .
 - Redeemed by Christ
 - Righteousness in Christ for all
 - Renewed by the Spirit
- B. How we get the Christ cure . . .

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read Galatians 3:1-14 again. Describe the movement and flow of the text. Label the three arguments that Paul makes here for the Gospel, "justification by faith alone in Christ alone."
2. What are the contrasts contained in 3:9-14? There are at least three. Group them all together in separate categories if you can.
3. Describe some things that Paul says about the law in these verses. Who is under the law? Is this Jews only? What does it mean to be under the law?
4. What does Galatians 3:13 have in common with Acts 5:30, Acts 10:39, Acts 13:29, especially if we remember that the word for "cross" really is the word "wood" or "tree"? In their preaching, why would the Apostles be "frontloading" instead of hiding and covering up the shame and stumbling block of the "tree"?
5. What does Christ redeem us from in 3:13? Why is he uniquely qualified to redeem us? What qualifies him? What are the two consequences of this redemption in verse 14? What is the blessing of Abraham?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in the text/message this week and why?
2. What are the two alternative ways to reject God and be your own Savior that we've been talking about in our Galatians study? How and why can "being really, really good" be a way of rejecting God and be your own Savior?
3. Share how you've seen or experienced "religion" ("I obey, therefore I'm accepted"). How does religion lead to pride and/or fear and factions? How was that happening in the churches of Galatia? How have you seen that happen in real life today?
4. Where does Paul say "religion" leads in Galatians 3:10-14? What is the alternative? And how does the alternative free us? What does the alternative give us? How does the alternative work?
5. If the Jews saw everything through the lens of the law, how would you say that Paul sees everything?

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INTENDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 3 and up . . .

1. How many times does the word “curse” or “cursed” show up in Galatians 3:10-13?
2. How many times does the word “law” show up in Galatians 3:10-14?
3. How many times does the word “faith” show up in Galatians 3:10-14?
4. Draw a picture of Jesus being “cursed by hanging on a tree.”

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INTENDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 7 AND UP, FOR USE WITH THE ADULT OUTLINE

1. What Old Testament text does Paul quote in Galatians 3:10? Why would this verse have been burned into the Apostle Paul’s mind and heart?
2. What is the opposite of being “cursed” and where does that word occur in Galatians 3:10-14?
3. What are the two ways to live described in this text? Which one “dead ends” at a cliff? Why?
4. What does it mean to be “redeemed”? What did Jesus redeem us from in Galatians 3:13? How?

