

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of June 16, 2019

This Week's Focus: On the cross, Christ purchased our redemption from the law's penalty of our sin and unified us with God by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This Week's Text: Galatians 3:10-14

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." **2 Corinthians 5:21**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- Share what the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's text. How has this passage realigned your thoughts, feelings, and actions to the truth of the gospel?
- What is the penalty/curse for all who break God's law (verse 10, Deuteronomy 27:26)? What does the law reveal about God and about us? Discuss how "relying on the works of the law" (legalism) for justification is foolish and futile.
- How is a sinner declared righteous (justified) by a holy God (Galatians 2:16)? Have you fallen for the lie that self-effort justifies or that works must be added to faith for salvation?
- What is the "blessing of Abraham" that Christ offers to all who trust in him? How was Jesus' crucifixion a curse (verse 13; Deuteronomy 21:22-23)? What did Jesus accomplish through his substitutionary atoning work on the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24)?
- In what way are Christians members of Abraham's family? Discuss the following three dimensions of salvation that the Apostle Paul links together in these verses:
 - **Justification** – the removal of our condemnation
 - **Redemption** – freedom from the power of sin and death
 - **Regeneration** – new life in the Holy Spirit
- How is the Holy Spirit linked with God's promised blessing to Abraham? How does the Holy Spirit empower us to obey the law of God (Jeremiah 31:31-34)? How does the gospel help us when we sin, experience moments intense guilt, struggle with anxiety, or fear condemnation?
- Is the Holy Spirit leading you to declare and demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ to someone you know? Is he leading you to bring the good news of the gospel to another area of the world?