

Faith Alone
Galatians 3:10-14

Getting Started

- ❖ Why would the motto of “sola scriptura” be so important for the Reformers and why is it so important to us today?

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Read Galatians 3:1-9.**
 - What words and phrases reveal Paul’s attitude toward the Galatians?
 - Twice Paul calls the Galatian Christians “foolish” (vv. 1, 3). In what senses is it foolish to add works to the gospel of Christ?

- ❖ **Read Galatians 3:10-14**
 - In artwork Christ is portrayed in many ways: teaching crowds, working alongside Joseph in the carpenter shop, praying in Gethsemane, welcoming children, walking on water. Why would Paul choose to focus on portraying Christ as crucified?
 - After beginning our Christian lives by faith, most of us at one time or other imitate the Galatians and fall into relying on our own efforts. Why do you think this happens?
 - To the Judaizers who were misleading the Galatian Christians, Abraham was a hero and patriarch. How does Paul turn the tables and use Abraham as an example of faith instead of law-keeping?
 - What do we have in common with Abraham?
 - The ugly words *curse* and *cursed* appear often in this passage. What justifies Paul’s use of such language?
 - Why is there a curse hanging over those who try to rely on observing the law?
 - The “curse of the law” from which Christ redeemed us must be the curse resting on us for our disobedience (v. 10). And he redeemed us from it by “becoming a curse” himself. He voluntarily took our curse upon himself in order to deliver us from it. What does it mean to you that Christ became a curse for us?

Apply It!

- ❖ In your own experience, what does it mean to “live by faith”?
- ❖ What are some obstacles you experience to living by faith?

Think About It!

Any “plus” that requires us to take action in order to add to what Christ has given us is a reversion to legalism and, in truth, an insult to Christ... So far, then, from enriching our relationship with God, as it seeks to do, legalism in all its forms does the opposite. It puts that relationship in jeopardy and, by stopping us from focusing on Christ, it starves our souls while feeding our pride. Legalistic religion in all its forms should be avoided like the plague. (J.I. Packer)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

October 25, 2020 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SONGS

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Words by Francis of Assisi, 1225 / German Melody, 1623

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening find a voice.

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, three in one.

YOU KEEP HOPE ALIVE

Words and Music by Paxson Jeancake, 2019

When the storm starts to gather; when the waters start to rise; when fear wants to control, keep hope alive.

When there seems to be no answer; only silence as our guide; when you're feeling all alone, keep hope alive.

There's no need to tremble; love is on our side.

God of hope we trust in You;

You're the anchor for our souls.

The grip of Your grace is a steady hold.

We stand upon Your promises,

You'll be faithful for all time.

Through generations, You keep hope alive.

The Son has been given; we beheld Him with our eyes.

His kingdom is at hand, keep hope alive.

He suffered for our healing; He rose to bring us life.

He knows our every need, keep hope alive.

FIND ME AT THE FEET OF JESUS

Words and Music Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin, 2015

Lord, here I am. You have all of me.

Take the world, You are all I need.

Find me, find me at the feet of Jesus. Savior,

find me with my heart bowed down.

Find me on my knees. Find me close to Thee.

Find me at the feet of Jesus.

Lord, I belong to You, You have my heart.

My only hope is You and everything You are.

I can almost hear those angels singing, "Holy, holy."

I can almost touch the heavens in their glory, glory.

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

Words by Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891

Music by Andre Gretry, 1741-1831

My faith has found a resting place, not in device or creed.
I trust the Ever-living One, His wounds for me shall plead.

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul, I come to Him, He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God;
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through His blood.

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save.
For me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 108; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Cor. 10:15-24; Matt. 18:15-20

MONDAY | Ps. 9; Jonah 1:17-2:10; Revelation 11:1-14; Luke 11:14-26

TUESDAY | Ps. 12; Jonah 3:1-4:11; Revelation 11:14-19; Luke 11:27-36

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 132; Nahum 1:1-14; Rev. 12:1-6; Luke 11:37-52

THURSDAY | Ps. 26; Nahum 1:15-2:12; Rev. 12:7-17; Luke 11:53-12:12

FRIDAY | Ps. 84; Nahum 2:13-3:7; Revelation 13:1-10; Luke 12:13-31

SATURDAY | Ps. 63; Nahum 3:8-19; Rev. 13:11-18; Luke 12:32-48

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed by your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



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