

# Questions for Grace Week 5

- The Nation of Israel gives us a great example of seeing God work, and then wanting to go back to what we know.
  - How have you seen examples of this in the church - seeing God do amazing things but wanting to go back to what we know?
  - How have you seen examples in your own life?
- In Galatians 3, Paul does not hold back on the Galatians. He calls them fools for experiencing the grace of God and wanting to go back to the works of the law.
  - Have you ever thought of yourself or others as foolish when you try to please God with works?
  - Does that criticism seem overly harsh, or about right on?
- Paul says that Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.
  - In what way, or how did you see that Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified?
  - Did you respond to Christ then, or did it take you a while to come to Christ?
- Paul lists off four or five rhetorical questions designed to make the Galatians realize that what they have in Christ is through the grace of God given by the Holy Spirit.
  - The Galatians had the Judaizers trying to pull them back to works of the law.
  - What pulls us back to works of the law?
  - What pulls us back to working in our own strength?
- Do the enticements and promises of pleasure ever draw you back to sin?
  - Why? Is it a struggle? Is a circumstance? A weakness?
  - If we know that we have been set free from sin, why do we even entertain the idea of going back to what no longer controls us?
  - Have you known people that return to sin because they really are abusing the grace of God? Have you returned to sin more by abusing the grace of God?
- Why do so many people try to earn the grace of God?
  - Do we honestly not think that the sacrifice God gave is insufficient?
  - Do we seriously believe we can add something to what Christ gave to us?
- Have you ever lived a “merit badge” kind of life?
  - You do well, you get rewarded. That feels great so you do more good.
  - When applied in the Christian life, it winds up being efforts to earn God’s affections.
  - Have you ever struggled with this - trying to earn God’s affection? Why?
- It is obvious that God expects His people to do good and live righteously.
  - What is the difference between living righteously and trying to earn God’s love?
  - If you said motivation you are on the right track.
    - What is the proper motivation for living righteously?
- What are ways that we can “embrace the grace?”

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- Grace is God's free gift to us, which we sometimes struggle to fully embrace.
- What are some practical ways that you have embraced God's grace?
- How would you counsel someone else that was struggling with earning God's love, or in some way living a life of works, instead of grace?