

Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Galatians 3:10-14

Introduction: In this passage Paul continues to explain the Gospel truth that we are saved, not by works of the Law but through faith alone in Christ's finished work. Using passages from all over the Old Testament, Paul contrasts the destiny of those who rely on the Law with those who simply live by faith. Ultimately, this passage lifts up the work of Christ so that we might understand more of what we've been saved from and what we've been saved for.



In verse 10 Paul explains that everyone is under God's curse. What does it mean to be under God's curse? How does Paul know that everyone is under God's curse?

Compare: Deuteronomy 27:26, Romans 3:23

Resource: <u>3 Questions about Blessings and Curses</u>

In verse 12 Paul contrasts keeping the Law with living by faith. Why are living by faith and Law

keeping mutually exclusive? Consider: Habakkuk 2:4

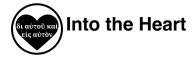
In verse 13 Paul tells us that Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law. How did Christ

accomplish our redemption? What was the cost to set us free from the curse?

Consider: Deuteronomy 21:23, 2 Corinthians 5:21

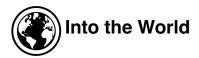
Note: The word redeem means to purchase the freedom of those who are enslaved.

Resource: Penal Substitutionary Atonement



Consider a time when you've fallen into sin. How does our conscience bear witness to the curse of the Law? How do you tend to respond to our conscience when it is burdened?

How will the truth of penal substitutionary atonement change the way you respond to your conscience in the future? What does living by faith mean when addressing our sins? Consider: 1 Timothy 1:15



Even though God's curse is inescapable, people foolishly invent ways to avoid the curse and achieve blessing. How does our culture define blessing? How do people seek to achieve blessing? How do people try to avoid the curse? Has this false view of blessing influenced us?

How will the truth of your redemption through faith in Christ change your experience of success or failure?