



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH | LIFE NOTES

GALATIANS: AHA

SYNOPSIS OF SERIES

The entire purpose of this letter is to make a clear the difference between the gospel of Jesus Christ and false gospels. Galatians attacks two false ideas in particular, legalism and lawlessness. It dismantles the lies of these ideas and paints a true picture of salvation by grace through faith alone. Paul stands firmly in defense of the gospel.

CONTEXT OF GALATIANS

The letter was written by Paul sometime around AD 50. On Paul's first missionary journey, he planted churches in Pisidia Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. These were Greek people – Paul's mission was to bring the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. Many people in these areas heard the message of Jesus Christ from Paul and accepted it. The message that Paul preached was a message of God's grace. Specifically, Paul emphasized that a person is saved by his faith in Jesus, not by his works. As Paul opened the door for Gentiles to experience Jesus, there were some Jewish teachers who did not buy this "faith alone" message. They believed that Gentile Christians, like Jewish Christians, needed to follow the traditional ceremonial customs from the Mosaic law. They taught that these Gentile believers had to observe all dietary laws and be circumcised in order to be fully accepted by God. Some of these Jewish teachers made their way into Galatia and were now teaching Paul's congregations that his message of "faith alone" was inadequate.

GETTING STARTED

On Sunday, Kyle defined an AHA moment as moment of sudden impact or discovery. This is a moment that not only changes your mind but also impacts your actions.

Share an AHA moment that you have experienced.

Have you ever had a spiritual AHA moment?

DIGGING DEEPER: GALATIANS 2:15-22

¹⁵ "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶ know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷ "But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker. ¹⁹ "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

How would you define the word 'justified'?

On Sunday, we watched a video that we made on justification by faith. Here is the link - <https://youtu.be/mJZ2i6Vv6oo>

How is justification different from forgiveness

After watching the video, how would you define justification by faith to someone who is not a believer?

Why is justification by faith an AHA moment?

How would you explain the difference between being moral and being a Christian to someone who thinks that being good makes them acceptable to God?

What does Paul mean when he says, "I've been crucified with Christ..."?

If faith is what saves us, then why are works also talked about in Scripture?

MOVING FORWARD

How are you living out your faith in Jesus right now?

What intentional relationships have you made with people who are yet to believe?

In what areas of your life do you need to walk in the faith that have been made right with God?