OUR MISSION

We exist to be a refuge, drawing ourselves and others into a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HILLSIDE KIDS: We have more children in this church than we have ever had. Consider volunteering one Sunday a month. See Laura for details as we invest in our children's growing faith. The only places where our children hear about Jesus today is at home or church. Help us make a difference in their faith.

JOIN A GROUP: Our Tuesday prayer group and Wednesday Bible study meet each week. Prayer group meets at 6:30pm on Tuesdays in the sanctuary and our Bible Study groups meet on Wednesdays. We are currently in the book of Romans.

ANNUAL READING: Our annual reading continues. This week's reading is: Psalms 77 – 83.



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THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

Galatians 3:1-14 August 6th 2023

INTRODUCTION

-Grace always **originates from God**, and <u>God gives us the condition</u> by which to be saved which is found **not believing in ourselves**, but by **having faith in Christ**.

-When **grace** is fully realized in a person, that person <u>no longer walks in</u> <u>doubt</u>, but in **confidence**.

<u>2 Corinthians 3:4–5</u> (ESV) Such is the confidence that we have <u>through</u> <u>Christ toward God</u>. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but **our sufficiency is** from God

-The Gospel is **not** <u>good advice to men</u>, but <u>good news</u> about **Jesus**. It's not an *invitation* <u>to do</u> but a *declaration* of what **God has done**.

BY FAITH Galatians 3:1-9

-The Holy Spirit does what the Law could not. He **renews** us, **guides** us, and **points** us to the <u>cross of Jesus</u>.

-The salvation effort **begins** from <u>the Father</u>, the **way made** in <u>Christ</u>, and **is completed** in the <u>Holy Spirit</u>.

-For the believer to understand the <u>effects of grace</u>, it is understanding that <u>God</u> **willed**, <u>Christ</u> **came**, and the <u>Spirit</u> **teaches**.

-When we miss the **work of the Spirit**, we may look to God for <u>help</u>, but **we don't look to Him to grow**.

Abraham

-Called by God

- -Called to be a nation
- -Called to be a witness

Believers

-Called by God -Called to a Kingdom -Called to be a witness

Isaiah 49:6 (**ESV**) he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that <u>my salvation</u> may reach to the end of the earth."

-Paul's ultimate point is that there is **one Gospel** and Abraham is the <u>beginning of God's promise through faith</u> and every person of faith after Abraham is a continued **realization** of that promise.

SAVED BY GRACE Galatians 3:10-14

Deuteronomy 30:19 (ESV) I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, **blessing** and **curse**. Therefore <u>choose life</u>, that you and your offspring may live

-The problem of how generational curses are portrayed today <u>for believers</u> suggests that there is something **the cross of Jesus did not cover**.

Jeremiah 31:29–31 (ESV) In those days they shall no longer say: "'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' ³⁰ But everyone shall die for his own iniquity. Each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. ³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah

<u>John 9:1–2</u> (ESV) As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, **this man or his parents**, <u>that he was born blind</u>?"

<u>Galatians 3:13</u> (ESV) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by <u>becoming a curse for us</u>—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"

-Saints, <u>grace</u> is a treasure **to be guarded** because <u>when it is compromised</u>, we are **captive**.

Saved by Grace

You are free from the **curse**! You are free from **sin and death**! You are free from being saved by **performance**! You are free from **making your own way**!

Living **by grace** <u>through faith</u> is what matters because your *efforts*, your *goodness*, your *morality*, were **never meant to save you**.