

Read the chapter over at least twice. You might read it aloud as if you are Paul speaking to these Galatians. It will help you gain a greater understanding for Paul's instructions to them.

1. In verses 1-5 Paul asks the Galatians five questions in these first few verses. Go back and underline them or highlight them.

Now write the questions in your own words.

2. Does this type of false teaching still happen today?
After someone comes to Christ by faith are there those who would like to burden them down with a list of "you must do this" or "you must not do that" in order to be a Christian?
3. Do you have a list of things, other than faith in Christ's finished work on the cross, that you say must be adhered to in order for someone to be a Christian?
4. Do you have a criteria by which you judge the "real" Christianity of others?

5. In verse 6 who did Paul remind them to consider?

Read Romans 4:11-16 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. **12** And he is also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. **13** It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. **14** For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, **15** because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. **16** Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring--not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

6. What is Abraham considered in these verses?
He is called this three times in these six verses. Underline what he is called.
7. When was he considered right with God? Rom.4:12
8. According to Gal.3:6, what is necessary in order to be right with God?
To be justified to God?
9. What was Christ's purpose in coming to this earth? Luke 19:10
10. What were Christ's words in John 19:30?

11. If there were anything else that should be required wouldn't the scriptures say that?
12. What did Jesus say to the thief on the cross beside him that day? Read Lk.23:39-43
13. What was this man able to do for his eternal salvation?

Paul knows the Old Testament and he quotes Deut. 27:26 to prove his point.
Label the scale with the words THE LAW .



14. What was the purpose of the Law?
If we add our sin to one side of the scale what will happen?
What did the scale do for us?

Now that we see our need, what can we add to the other side on our own to rebalance the scale?



15. What is the purpose of a mirror?
The law is like a mirror in what way?
What can the mirror do in order to clean me back up?

16. Is the law now of no value?

Romans 3:28-31 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. **29** Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, **30** since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. **31** Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

17. What are your thoughts about the law after doing a bit of research and study?
18. How effective is it for someone to try really hard to be right with God?
19. Even if someone dedicates his or her life to doing right and good, will that bring salvation?
Can anyone ever pay their debt of sins past, present and future? Read the verses below.

Romans 3:25-26 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- **26** he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

1 Jn. 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world

1 Jn. 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

20. Will the end result of keeping the law be that we are justified; that we are no longer a sinner in need of a savior?



21. Some people have compared the law with a plumb-bob that a builder might use to check a door post to see if it is straight. The builder cannot use the plumb-bob to fix the door post if it is incorrect; it simply reveals whether it is or isn't correct.

22. What is the only way to be right with God?
What is the only way of salvation?

Paul quotes the Old Testament book of Habakkuk in verse 11; "The righteous will live by faith."

23. What does this verse mean to you? Those who are right with God ...

24. According to Gal. 3:15-16, who is the promised seed to Abraham?

25. In verses 17-18 what does Paul try to make clear to those who might be tempted to add to salvation the keeping of the law? God gave Abraham a _____. What was it?

26. Verse 19 asks the question, what was the purpose of the law? Answer that question in your own words. Be sure to continue reading through verse 24 before writing your answer.

Verse 24 states that "the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ" and verse 25 states "we are no longer under the supervision of the law". In the KJV it is called our schoolmaster or tutor. What is the purpose of a tutor or teacher?

27. Who has come to change our need for a tutor or teacher?

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28. We should have a proper love for God's law because it was that law that reveals what to me?
29. How would you know the nature of God and His moral laws if it were not for the law?
30. What kind of a society would we live in if it were not for the moral laws of God influencing the civil laws of man?
31. What have you learned from this study of Galatians 3 about your God?
32. How have the truths of this chapter affected your walk of faith?