



# SMALL GROUP STUDY

## Grace: God's Favor to those who don't deserve it

Justification through faith in God--therefore God confers His grace to us. A group of Judaizers had come in and preached another doctrine to the Galatians. The book of Galatians powerfully speaks of justification through faith in God. Two main words in this book that bring perspective--Law and Faith.

## Personal (chapters 1-2)

Paul defends his authority and justification by faith.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- a. Who/What were Judiazers?
- b. What was the doctrine that Paul was refuting?
- c. Why do you think the people turned so quickly away from the teachings of Paul/Jesus?
- d. Examine your heart: Have you set up barriers that God never intended?
- e. What was Paul's mood/tone? How was Paul's strong language beneficial to the Galatians?
- f. What reasons did Paul give for his authority?
- g. What is the check that Paul gave to insure believers did not follow a false doctrine?

## Doctrinal (chapters 3-4)

Paul gives several arguments to demonstrate salvation by faith through grace.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- a. How were you saved?
- b. How was Abraham made right with God, justified?
- c. How are we justified now?
- d. What was the purpose of the law?
- e. How was the law like a tutor?
- f. What was Paul's point when he said that Jesus became a curse for us?

## Practical (chapters 5-6)

Paul explains how living by grace promotes true spirituality.

### *Discussion Questions:*

- a. What is the difference between standing fast and being entangle in a yoke?
- b. What did Paul tell them they should do in order not to "fulfill the lust of the flesh?"
- c. What is the fruit of the Spirit? How is this fruit produced?
- d. How did Paul tell them to restore a brother who has been overtaken in any trespass?
- e. Examine your heart: Do you have a spirit of condemnation or of restoration?
- f. Why is it so hard to receive a free gift?

"I've picked up the tab--it is paid." - Jesus