

March 13, 2011  
Willow Park South  
Small Group Questions  
“Revolution of Belief”  
*Galatians 3:10-14*

- Please read *Galatians 2:20 - 3:6* together at the beginning of your small group meeting.

### “Christ Becoming Our Curse”

Quoting Deuteronomy 27:26, Paul writes “*Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them*” (vs. 10, ESV).

- What does this Scripture tell us about God’s standard for righteousness?
- How does this perfect standard make God worthy of praise?
- How does God’s holy standard make us fear him?

In our culture today, the standard for righteousness is based on comparing ourselves to other people. We often claim to be ‘good’ because we give more, love more, or follow God’s commandments more faithfully than other people.

- How is our standard for righteousness different from God’s standard?
- How does lowering our standard for righteousness eliminate the need for a savior?

Paul states that no one can rely on the works of the law in order to be made right before God, for **all** have fallen short of God’s perfect standard (Romans 3:23) and are in need to be justified.

- What are some of the things that people rely on in order to become ‘good’ people?
- What does Paul say we need to rely on in order to compensate for our faults?
  - Romans 3:23-24 (ESV) - “*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*”

- Galatians 3:13 (ESV) - *“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us”*

Paul quotes Deuteronomy 21:22-23 when he says, *“Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”* (vs. 13). The ‘curse’ refers to the punishable actions which the cross represents. As Christ “became a curse for us” (vs. 13), he took on our punishable actions and payed the price on our behalf.

- How does Christ’s death give us relief from trying to prove ourselves as ‘good people’?
  - 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
- As we understand that our righteousness comes from Christ and not ourselves, how should we live our lives in response to His grace?
- How does a life lived in response to the Gospel reflect utter humility before God?

God is not in love with a future version of you, he loves you perfectly now because you have received the righteousness of Christ through his resurrection.