

Justified by faith! W/C 11th Oct 2020

Lots of things in our life on earth can be earned by “doing” things. High-paying jobs can be earned by good grades in school. We earn each other’s respect and honour by the way we treat them. Trophies can be earned for excellent performance in certain things like sporting events or talents shows. Even bad things that we do can earn us punishment.

Paul now turns his attention to an amazing gift that we can receive from God Himself, without doing a single thing to earn it: being made right with Him.



Ice Breaker: Describe a time you gained a reward for something you did.



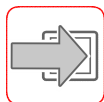
UP: Spend some time in worship: You might like to choose a song to play or plan an alternative act of worship that is appropriate to your group.



UP: Looking at God’s word together:
Read: Galatians 2:15-21

Discussion Questions

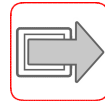
1. Having just read the passage, does anything immediately stick out to you?
2. Why are our attempts to obey the law not enough to be made right with God? (v16)
3. What made the argument of the Judaisers so convincing that faith in Jesus was not enough for salvation? (v17)
4. What does Paul mean when he says he has been “crucified with Christ” (v20), and how does that impact our understanding of our own faith?
5. What does it mean to you to know that as a believer, Christ lives in you? (v21)
6. Imagine you are a believer in a church in Galatia, hearing this read for the first time. How might this passage have encouraged you?



IN: Spend some time in prayer.

- Encourage the members of the group to join in with the Wednesday evening prayer meetings.

- Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.
- Pray for our missionary links.
- Pray for the financial challenges faced by the church.
- Pray for the leadership team as they seek wisdom in leading the church.
- Pray that we all might grow to know Jesus more and gain a passion to make Him known to others.



OUT: Justification by faith in Jesus alone is one of the core tenets of our faith. How might we help a non-Christian understand this in a meaningful way?