

5. Bewitched! **Galatians 3:1-14**

1. Captivated ... but not by the crucified Christ (v1)

2. Converted and completed... but not by the law (v2-5)

3. Justified... but always by faith (v6-9)

4. Cursed... but by the law! (v10-14)

Growth Group questions

What advances can you think of which have transformed every day life? Can you imagine what it would be like to go back to life as it was before?

READ Galatians 3:1-14

1. What is the tone of this section of Paul's letter? Why does Paul write like this? How does that help you understand his concern?

2. To what does Paul liken what has happened? How does that compare with what he had done? What lessons are there for us about the sort of teaching and teachers we might expose ourselves to?

3. What does he get them to think about first? Why was this such a blessing? Can you think of any OT texts that could help you? How had they known this blessing?

4. How might they be seeking to 'attain their goal' (literally 'be completed')? What is the way on in the Christian life? What other options are we often faced with?

5. What other 'blessings' had they known? What is Paul's point?

6. Why might Paul have gone back to Abraham? How was he made 'righteous' or justified (right with God)? What is the mark of belonging to Abraham's family? What flows to them?

7. But what does the law bring? How does it bring this? Why doesn't the law justify or make righteous? How are faith and law opposites? How does Jesus redeem us from the curse of the law? What is the result?

8. What extra rules are you tempted to elevate or live by? How might they be dangerous? What are you tempted to rely on as something that will 'complete' you, instead of Christ? How can you ensure that Christ and his cross is what captivates and completes you?