

Fusion Q's Born to Sail 3 – The Code

What's Up?

Ask the students how their week went. Are there things your students want to pray about?

Discussion Questions

Q1. What was your biggest takeaway from the talk tonight?

Q2. Think of the diagram Pastor Chris drew. How do you feel about all the good things you do not being enough to get you to God?

READ Galatians 3:8-12

Q3. Why do you think Paul says in vv. 9-10 that if we try to be made right with God by following all the rules in the Bibles, we are doomed to failure? How then can we be made right with God?

Q4. Do you think a lot of people are trying to get to God by doing good deeds? Why do you think we do this?

Q5. How about you? Are you trying to get to God by being a good person and/or obeying all the rules in the Bible?

Q6. How is it possible to be right with God by faith? What does that even mean?

Q7. Why do you think it's so hard for people to accept that the work that needs to be done for us to receive eternal life has already been done by Jesus?

Q8. Do you think sometimes we still try to work our way into heaven? Explain.

For the Leaders – Background to Text...

Paul is writing the Galatians after he heard disturbing news that they were trying to live the new life they had found in Christ by trying to observe the Jewish Law. This was very disturbing for Paul because his teaching was exactly the opposite – our righteousness does not come from obeying the Law, but rather from Christ himself – he actually has become our righteousness! How cool is that?! This is why Paul was so upset with what was happening at Galatia. They had forgotten that their own good works, law-keeping and things they are doing for God did nothing to bring them closer to God. Only Christ in us can do that – Jesus is the Way to God, not good behaviour!

BIBLE TEXTS

Galatians 3:8-12

⁸ What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would declare the Gentiles to be righteous because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you." ⁹ So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

¹⁰ But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God's Book of the Law." ¹¹ So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." ¹² This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life."