

*Living Free*  
A Bible Study on the book of Galatians  
Galatians 2:15 – 3:29  
November 9, 2009

OPEN: In groups of three or four, tell of a trait or habit you inherited from your father or your mother.

REVIEW:

What is the main reason Paul wrote to the Galatians?

What is Paul's response to this?

What are Paul's opponents saying about Paul?

What is Paul's response to what his opponents are saying about him?

What did Peter do that ticked off Paul?

STUDY:

Read Galatians 2:15-21. How do Jews and Gentiles understand that a person is justified, or made right with God (see verses 15-16)?

How do verses 17-18 go together?

What does Paul mean *through the law I died to the law* (verse 19)?

Now that the law has killed us, who brings us back to life, and how?

If Christ lives within us, do we need the law anymore?

If we receive justification by faith AND the law, why did Christ have to die?

Read Galatians 3:1-5. What does Paul say about the Spirit in these verses?

What is the double meaning of verse 3?

Read Galatians 3:6-9. Who are the children of Abraham, according to Paul?

Who are the children of Abraham, according to his opponents?

How does Paul support his argument that the Gentiles are children of Abraham?

Read Galatians 3:10-14. What does Paul say about those who rely on law?

How did Christ redeem us when we were under the curse of the law?

Read Galatians 3:15-18. To whom did God promise the inheritance given through Abraham, according to these verses?

How does the previous covenant supersede the covenant given with the law?

Read Galatians 3:19-22. Why was the law given?

Why has the law made sin evident? What help is that to us?

Read Galatians 3:23-29. How does Paul describe the law in verse 24?

What does he mean by this?

How has our relationship with God changed in Christ?

How do we belong to Christ?

If we belong to Christ, what is given us?

### REFLECT

In what ways does the law still point out our sinfulness?

If Paul were to write today, what could he add to “there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female?” Anything?