



Doctrine = What we believe about God to be true.

■ Our view of God will determine our relationship with God.

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—  
7 which is really no gospel at all... Galatians 1:6-7a (NIV)

7 Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. Galatians 1:7b (NIV)

#### The Gospel of Christ:

■ Jesus paid the penalty for our sin on the Cross.

■ I accept what Jesus did for me by faith.

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—  
9 not by works, so that no one can boast.  
Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

Grace: God's undeserved favor.

#### So a question we ask is:

■ How am I going to become godly?

A better way to ask the question may be this:

■ How am I responding to God's love?

#### Two Gospels:

One focuses on what you do.

One focuses on what Jesus has done.

39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,  
40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life. John 5:39-40 (NIV)

One focuses on getting God's approval.

One focuses on receiving God's love.

8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV)

19 We love because he first loved us.  
1 John 4:19 (NIV)

One focuses on external duty.

One focuses on internal desire.

3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome. 1 John 5:3 (NIV)

12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:12 (NIV)

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#### The Authentic life source of God's grace:

■ Fall in love with Jesus.

15 "If you love me, obey my commandments. John 14:15 (NLT)

■ Don't allow condemnation.

1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.  
2 And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. Romans 8:1-2 (NLT)

■ Make the choice every day.

19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life. Deuteronomy 30:19 (NIV)

#### Have Questions? Text them to: (559)464-5754

Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What spoke most to you from Sundays Talk? Explain.
- On a scale of 1 -10 (10 being greatest); How important is doctrine to you? Do you think people are bored with doctrine? explain
- The Galatians had been misled into believing they needed to add something to the gospel of Jesus (obeying the law). What are some things people add to the gospel today, that they believe makes them right with God.
- Do you believe that God loves you more based on what you do?
- How do people try to get God's approval?
- Discuss the difference between External duty vs. Internal desire.
- What does it mean to you to Fall in love with Jesus? Explain how this is lived out without being legalistic.
- Talk about what condemnation is and how it affects us. How can we prevent personal condemnation?

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