



DEAR CHURCH

GALATIANS

Even though these letters are around 2,000 years old, they still have so much to say to us today. This week, we will dive into the letter to the Galatians. This was a church that was struggling to wrap their brains around just how good the good news is. Instead of basing their lives in the love and acceptance of God, they were finding it through things like comparison, being good enough and being better than....

Does any of that sound familiar?

Thankfully, these letters are still alive and just as much intended for us as the Galatians.

Day 1 Read Galatians 1

Paul seems pretty frustrated. In your own words, what seems to be at the heart of why Paul is so frustrated? How can trying to win other people's approval get in the way of living our lives in light of God's acceptance of us?

Day 2 Read Galatians 2

It's easy to imagine that Paul sometimes felt like he was on the outside looking in. He wasn't one of the original twelve disciples and in fact, when he first shows up in the scriptures, he is an enemy of the church. How do you see this in the passage from today? Try and put verse 6 into your own words. How does it both encourage and challenge you?

Day 3 Read Galatians 3:1-14

In your own words, what is the difference between finding our life in what Paul calls "works" and finding that life through faith in who God is and what God says about us? What is an area in your life you are trying to iron out through your own hard work? What would it look like for you to welcome God into that area?



Day 4 Read Galatians 3:15-29

Paul is trying to get the people to see that God's relationship to His people was first rooted in His promises towards them and not in the law. Essentially, His relationship with them is established on His faithfulness to them and not our faithfulness to Him. Why is that such good news?

Day 5 Read Galatians 4

Try and put verses 6 and 7 into your own words. What are the benefits of being a child of God? What is something you are struggling to trust God with? Target that area in prayer today.

Day 6 Read Galatians 5

According to this passage, how would Paul define what freedom is in Christ? Is it being able to do whatever you want whenever you want, or is it a bit different than that? Explain. According to this passage, how does that freedom take shape in our lives?

Day 7 Read Galatians 6

In this chapter, Paul makes it clear that our life in God is not a life we live on our own. What does he have to say here about how our life together gets caught up in our life with God? What aspects of this passage are missing from your current friendships? What would it look like to make an effort to incorporate them?