



No other gospel can do what the gospel of grace can do. It not only saves us from our sins, but it saves us for a life of freedom and service. In this study of Galatians we are going to be reminded of the gift and the responsibility of being **RESCUED!**

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Rick began by reminding us that “*There is something about the bent of human nature—the Bible calls it ‘the flesh’—that requires laws and punishments before it will do what it ought to do.*” Why is that true and how does it make “rules-based religion” appealing? Follow up: **Read Galatians 5:16-26.** As you take in this whole passage, what are 2-3 things that stand out to you?

2 **“WALK BY...” Christlikeness is a pursuit.** What does the word *pursuit* imply and how is that encouraging to you? Follow up: *We can all affirm that our baptisms did not drown that part of us that still wants to sin.* If we are made alive by the Spirit, why do we still struggle with sin (see **1 Peter 2:11**)? How has that been true for you recently?

3 What is the problem with a rules-based approach to becoming more like Jesus (see **Galatians 3:3**)? Why does behavior modification not lead to spiritual transformation? Follow up: Rick said, “*Only one person ever lived righteously, and I must welcome his presence inside me.*” **Read Galatians 2:20.** How does that verse encourage you?

4 **“LED BY...” Believe in the work of Christ.** Becoming like Jesus begins by trusting in Jesus. Why is trust essential? In what areas of your life do you sometimes struggle to believe in the work of Christ? Follow up: Rick said, “*The first thing we do in a battle with sin is believe it is possible to be free from its*

power because of the work of Christ.” With that in mind, in what ways does the gospel not only forgive you but form you (see **Romans 8:3-4** and **Ezekiel 36:26-27**)?

5 **“LED BY...” And be led by the Spirit of Christ.** Rick pointed out that *being led by the Spirit is not like a pace car you must strive to keep up with, but a locomotive that is leading us in the direction of Christ-likeness.* Why is that distinction so important? **Read Galatians 5:16-18.** How is a Christian empowered to live by the Spirit? Have you ever asked the Holy Spirit for guidance when facing a struggle? If so, how did that help? Follow up: **Read Romans 8:5-9.** Why is it so important to think about what you think about?

6 **“LED BY...” To become who you are in Christ.** *The fruit of the Spirit is visible evidences of the presence of Christ in someone’s life.* **Read Galatians 5:22-25.** Where do you most obviously see the fruit of the Spirit in your life? Where do you desire to see more evidence of the presence of Christ in your life?

7 **“KEEP IN STEP...” Christlikeness is a promise.** Rick closed by reminding us, “*Nothing about the ministry of the Spirit needs to be restrained. The Holy Spirit will not make us weird; the Holy Spirit will make us more like Jesus.*” **Read 2 Corinthians 3:17-18.** Share one way this lesson has encouraged you to become more like Christ.

