**SERMON NOTES**

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

**“**Spitting Image**”**

**Galatians 3: 7-14**

**Paul has spent this letter laboring, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to show the Galatians that a person is saved by grace. He has sought to remind them that righteousness is given by God on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ alone and not what we add to grace by our performance.**

**When Abraham was called in Genesis 12 and given a promise to believe he was a pagan man in a pagan land worshipping other “gods” and it was his belief and his faith alone in the promise given to him which prompted God to respond to him by declaring him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**This is Paul’s point: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ children of Abraham are not children of the flesh (physically or biologically) but rather are children by faith.**

**In order to be a true child of God you have to join Abraham’s family and the way you join is the same way he became a true child of God: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the promise of God that is credited as righteousness.**

**What is righteousness? Righteousness is living out all of God’s standards and commands in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ obedience.**

**We can’t keep God’s standard. We can’t obey all of God’s requires of us in perfect obedience, it is simply an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Just as Abraham needed a righteousness that was not his own, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ need a righteous that is not my own.**

**Paul is saying here in this passage (7 – 14) that there are essentially two ways to try and earn righteousness (1) Faith in the promise of God to forgive through the work of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v7-9) and (2) Our performance: what we have done - keeping the rules (v10-14). Only one of these will succeed and the other is impossible.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is guilty of breaking, falling short of, and living by the standard that God’s holiness requires us to live by (Romans 3:23).**

**In order for the law to bless, the law must be kept and continually kept, lest the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of God come on the one who breaks it, this is God’s standard.**

**Cursed here means to face the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.**

**If you try to earn or keep God’s grace based on your performance and merit then you bring yourself under the weight of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ law that will crush under its demands.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will never make anyone righteous because our performance must be perfect and perfect performance is impossible.**

**The phrase “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” means to rely on, put your security, hope, fulfillment, and confidence in.**

**Righteousness based on faith says I fully trust God. Righteousness based on performance says I really trust \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jesus received the curse that we earned so that we could receive the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that He earned.**

**Jesus became a curse for us so that the blessing of righteousness might come to us in the place of the curse of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jesus’s becoming a curse for us shows us the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin and the seriousness of wrath of God toward sin.**

Blanks: faith; righteous; true; belief; perfect; impossibility; I; Jesus; Everyone; curse; judgement; whole; Performance; live by; myself; blessing; judgement; sinfulness; keeps;