

GALATIANS
"Rooted in Jesus"
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Galatians 3:1-14 (ESV)

KEY THOUGHT:

Justified = "**just-as-if-I'd**" never sinned.

- God sees me as perfectly righteous, perfectly innocent of any wrongdoing.
- When I receive Jesus by faith, God attributes Christ's perfect righteousness to me as if it were my own and, in exchange, God attributes my guilt to Christ as if he committed my sins.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I TRY TO BE JUSTIFIED BY MY OWN ACTIONS OR EFFORT

I am "**under a curse**" (v. 10).

WHY I CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED BY MY OWN ACTIONS OR EFFORT

1. I can never obey God's rules and commandments **perfectly** (v. 10).
 - God's law reveals sin but cannot fix it; it reveals guilt but cannot remove it (Romans 3:20).
 - Being relatively good is not good enough.
2. Good deed does **not erase** past evil deeds (v. 11a).

WHAT JUSTIFIES ME AND REMOVES THE CURSE

Faith in Jesus as my savior (vv. 11a-14).

- Blessings are rooted in Jesus who has become a curse for all who believe in him.

CENTRAL TRUTH

We are justified by faith in Jesus, not by trying harder.