

**ECC Growth Groups – Term 2, 2014**  
**Study 4 – Galatians 3:1-18**

What are some rules and regulations that people say we should follow in order to be a ‘real’ or a ‘serious’ Christian?

Read Galatians 3:1-18.

What words does Paul use to describe what has happened to the Galatians?

Split your group into three smaller groups. Have each group complete one column (relating to one verse) from the table below.

	<b>Verse 2</b>	<b>Verse 3b</b>	<b>Verse 5</b>
<b>What is the question?</b>			
<b>What is being contrasted?</b>			
<b>What is the expected answer?</b>			

Bring the groups back together and have each one share their responses from the table.

In verses 6-9 Paul calls on his readers to consider Abraham. What does Paul say about Abraham?

Why do you think Paul refers to Abraham here?

In verses 10-14 Paul switches from talking about blessing to talking about curse (note the contrast between verse 9 and verse 10).

Split the group into the same three smaller groups from the first activity. You can either assign one of the following activities to each group (i.e. each group does a different activity) or have all the groups do the same activity for the particular section they are given.

Group 1 – Verse 10; Group 2 – Verses 11-12; Group 3 – Verse 13.

- (i) Paraphrase the verse(s) into your own words; or
- (ii) Create a drawing of the verse(s); or
- (iii) Produce a newspaper headline from the verse(s).

Allow the groups sufficient time to complete the activity and then have them come together and share with the other groups.

Why do you think Paul refers to the Old Testament so much here?

How does verse 14 act as a good conclusion to this first section of Chapter 3?

Verses 15-18 sound quite complicated but how does this human example further strengthen Paul's argument?

Split your group again into the same three groups as earlier. Have them revisit the table that they filled out in the first activity and discuss the following:

Having now looked at the whole passage, how has Paul responded to the questions that he raised at the beginning?

What do we find attractive about relying on what we do for acceptance with God?

What do we find offensive about needing to trust the Gospel for acceptance with God?

How has this passage helped you to see that continuing to live by faith is the right move?