

Galatians

Celebrating Freedom in Christ *“Works and Justification, Part 1”*

INTRO: *Paul begins the theological section of his letter focusing on the inability of human effort to **gain, improve, or ensure** God’s acceptance.*

JUSTIFICATION: _____

THE PERFORMANCE STANDARD: _____

I. Believers are _____ on the basis of _____.

Justification is FAR MORE than “Just as if I never sinned.” It is being accepted despite our sinful ways!

II. People are tempted to use _____ to _____

themselves before God (3:1-9). *“Judaizers” will pressure Believers to add works in order to **please** God.*

III. Stay free from the Performance Standard because

_____.

*It was **never** God’s **purpose** to justify people on the basis of their good works. Justification must be **RECEIVED** by grace through faith.*

A. Refocus on the _____. *For Paul, the cross*

was everything (Cf. 1 Cor. 1:18). There all of God’s wrath for sin was poured out on His Son. God loves you!

B. Reimagine your _____. *God is **NOT** looking*

for reasons to be displeased with you.