

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Hayden Jilka (age 8) - scans show that his tumor has shrunk to half the size! He will resume his monthly overnight chemo treatment this week. Keep praying for the family. Follow Hayden's journey: posthope.org/hope-for-hayden

Jared Hinds - went to Stanford last week to receive his chemo. Please pray that he stays infection free. Follow Jared's journey: giveforward.com/fundraiser/5t47/jared-hinds-leukemia-fund-raiser.

Paul Seals - Please pray for God's peace and comfort for Janice and Paul as he recovers from hip surgery at Kindred.

Bill Winings - is recovering at home after bypass surgery. Please pray that Bill's recovery will be smooth and he will experience renewed strength and stamina and for Rita that she can stay healthy as she cares for Bill.

Pauline Roby - had to have follow up surgery after hip replacement surgery on 2/3 at Stanford. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors.

Julie Lay - having surgery on her right foot on 3/5. Please pray for a successful surgery and a smooth recovery.

Emily Beckman (age 14) - had kidney transplant surgery on 2/19 at Stanford Hospital. The family reports that the surgery went well so please pray for an uncomplicated recovery!

Gary Barton - Please pray for his ongoing care and wisdom on moving forward as they determine the next step in his treatment plan.

Charles Flowers and Lou Schiavon - Please pray for peace and comfort for the families as they rest in His care as their loved ones are on Hospice.

We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital. Contact Carrie Clark 465.3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



THE PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL POWER

GALATIANS 3: 1-14

FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1
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TWO KINDS OF RELIGION:

- _____
- _____

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Gal. 3:1a

HOW DO I STAY FOCUSED ON GRACE?

1. REALIZE _____

What Jesus already did

Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.
Gal. 3:1b

What I've already been given

I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?
Gal. 3:2

What I've already experienced

Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain? So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?
Gal. 3:4,5

DO I SPELL MY FAITH _____ OR _____?



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2. RECOGNIZE _____
Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the **Spirit**, are you now trying to finish by **human effort**? Gal. 3:3

3. REMEMBER _____
Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel **in advance**, Gal 3:8

Paul's argument from scripture: **Grace is not a new idea**

- **Abraham was saved by faith, not works (v. 6-7: Quotes Genesis 15:6)**
- **All nations would receive this blessing (v. 8-9: Gen. 12:3)**
- **Salvation through the law is impossible (v. 10; Deut. 27:26)**
- **The righteous live by faith, not works (v. 11; Habakkuk 2:4)**

GREAT VERSES ABOUT GRACE

Jesus said, "It is **finished**." John 19:30

From the **fullness of his grace** we have all received one blessing after another. John 1:16

And God is able to make **all grace abound** to you, so that in **all things at all times** having **all that you need**, you will **abound in every good work**. 2 Cor.9:8

And you have been made **complete** in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. Col. 2:10

His divine power has given us **everything we need** for life and godliness... 2 Peter 1:3

MEMORY VERSE: This week's memory verse: Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the **Spirit**, are you now trying to finish by means of the **flesh**? Gal. 3:3

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MONDAY Read Galatians 3:1. Does it surprise you that Paul uses such strong language? Think of the ministry of Jesus. What sort of people did Jesus use strong language to condemn? (See Matthew 23:1-5) Does this surprise you? Was the problem in the Galatian church a similar problem? Why is this particular issue worthy of such strong words? Today ask the Lord to give you the strength to confront legalism in your own life with a clear understanding of the gospel of grace.

TUESDAY Read Galatians 3:2-3. As I've shared before, this is probably the biggest stumbling block for me as a Christian. I know I'm saved by grace, but I try to live my Christian life in my own strength. I grit my teeth make resolutions, "I will not sin that sin, I will not sin that sin..." But instead, I should simply say, "Jesus I can't overcome this in my strength. If it were up to me I'd yield. But you live through me now, your strength in me is my hope." Try it! You'll enjoy the results of truly letting go and letting God!

WEDNESDAY Read Galatians 5:4-14. Watch bonus material on this passage: [facebook.com/twinlakeschurch](https://www.facebook.com/twinlakeschurch) or [tlc.org/sermons/sermon/1384](https://www.tlc.org/sermons/sermon/1384) Look at the section of the notes titled, "Paul's Argument From Scripture". Paul's point is that grace is not a new idea; it was the first idea. As far back as Abraham, we were saved by faith, not works. The law has a purpose - to show us our need for God. But its purpose has never been salvation. Why was this an important point for the Galatians to understand?

THURSDAY Reread the list of verses in your sermon notes called "Great Verses about Grace". What impresses you most about these verses? What helpful reminder or new insight did you gain through studying these? Ask God to continually remind you that you already have everything you need for life through Jesus Christ! It is finished!

FRIDAY Take five minutes to read all we've studied of Galatians so far: Galatians 1:1-3:5. It's been said that people either avoid failure or seek success. Were the legalists described by Paul obsessed with seeking success or avoiding failure? Author Jeff Harkin says most legalists live dry, joyless lives because their legalism forces them to focus on avoiding failure instead of taking risks for God. Why is this? Why does an understanding of grace free us from the fear of failure? Ask God to help you take risks for him, & to his glory!

SATURDAY Today catch up on any devos you may have missed, and please pray for services this weekend. Thanks!