

MOOREBANK-HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION
Galatians 3:1-14: You idiots!

1. If you are a Christian, have you had situations/thoughts that have caused you to doubt whether God really accepts you?
2. What have you done to answer the doubt?

CONTEXT

The Galatian church were under pressure to observe Jewish law (particularly the men being circumcised) in addition to trusting the gospel in order to be acceptable to God. [See 2:3,12; 3:3; 5:2,3,6,11,12; 6:12,13,15].

Read 3:1-5.

3. Trace out the order of what happened when the Galatians became Christians.
4. Why should the Galatian's conversion experience help them see that Jewish law is unnecessary? (THINK: How can we be sure the Jewish law wasn't involved?)
5. How does Paul recognise that they have received the Spirit? [see also 4:6, 5:5 and 5:16-25]
6. How would you know if you have the Spirit?
7. If observing the Jewish law wasn't necessary, what was?

Read 3:6-9

8. How does Abraham receive God's blessings?
9. Who else receives the blessings of Abraham?
10. Can you be born a Christian? (Discuss why you think this way, particularly in the light of this passage).

Read 3:10-14

11. Why is no-one justified by the law?
12. How are faith/trust and law incompatible?
13. Why is it Christ's death in particular that brings acceptance with God? (see also 1:3-4, 2:20, 2:21, 3:1)
14. What practices/customs does our church have that might be actually adding/subtracting from the gospel?
15. Returning to questions 1 and 2, what must you do to respond to your doubt?