



Sermon Discussion Guide

JESUS CHRIST: THE PROMISE OF THE COVENANT

Galatians 3:16

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Outline

- Covenant
 - Offspring
 - Promise
1. “Law is not bad. But we are not made God’s people by obeying the law. It’s the difference between root and fruit. Obedience is the *fruit* of new life. It’s not the *root* of new life.” How does this encourage you in this present season?
 2. One way to see whether you are resting in works or faith in Christ is to ask yourself, “Where is my confidence?” Looking back over the past year, how has the Lord taught you to be confident in his grace and not your works?
 3. Have you heard people use the expression, “I need to forgive myself?” How is this misguided?¹
 4. “So many of our fights and polarization have to do with different ways that people are pursuing righteousness.” In what ways might people outside of Christ try to pursue righteousness?
 5. Everyone is pursuing righteousness, but very few realize it’s found in a Person. How does this truth help in sharing your faith?
 6. The Jews in Galatia said they believed in Christ but insisted that everyone needed to keep other ceremonial laws too. The simple and pure Gospel was not enough. Is the Galatian heresy a danger in our day? How so?
 7. “A covenant is a promissory agreement between two parties.” Did you learn anything new about biblical covenants after listening to this sermon?
 8. B.B. Warfield said that the OT was like a room “richly furnished but dimly lit.” How does this help us understand the *richness* and yet *incompleteness* of the Old Testament?²
 9. *Reflection*: Are you marching to heaven on the path marked ‘works of the law’ or ‘faith in Christ?’

¹ Biblical forgiveness is between us and a holy God, rather than a psychological exercise within ourselves. God’s forgiveness in Christ is far more abundant than your own for yourself. His forgiveness is the only type that brings life, and brings us to Christ.

² See Westminster Confession of Faith 7.5-6 for differences between the testaments.