

Incompatible

Objectives

- Explain the term curse that Paul is using compared to the curse of sin.
- Explain the government system that the audience has so we can understand that God is the judge jury and executioner.
- Explain the state of God compared to who man is to show and that we are not compatible with him.
- Teach that even though we are not compatible with God, he desires a relationship with us, and took it upon himself to provide the solution.

Intro

- Why another church-What problem are we trying to fix?

Slide Core Values

How do we fix a broken world?

- Education
- Government
- Religion

Post Religion Core Values

1. Be true to yourself
2. Do what makes you happy
3. No one has the right to judge someone else
4. Be free to do what you want as long as you don't hurt anyone else.

Ever since Eve was tempted with the promise that she can be like God, mankind has been trying to be their own God and fix their broken world without Him.

In Paul's day

- Greeks: mythology, appease the Gods that represented different aspects of life
- Romans: polytheistic, added the worship of the emperor
- Jews: keep the law and be a good Jew
 - If I am holy enough God will setup a kingdom for us that will rid the world of all the other Kingdoms

Paul preached a gospel in Gal 1:3-4, that taught that the issue came from within.

3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord[a] Jesus Christ, **4** who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

This view goes against all the ways we have tried to fix the world. There is something wrong with mankind and before we can have a relationship with a holy God something has to happen because we are not compatible with him.

Slide: Gal 3:10 For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, because it is written, **Everyone who does not do everything written in the book of the law is cursed.**

Deut 27:26 Cursed is anyone who does not put the words of this law into practice....Amen

If you want to inherit the blessing of Abraham the law is not the route

Slide: Gal 3:11-12 Now it is clear that no one is justified before God by the law, because **the righteous will live by faith. 12** But the law is not based on faith; instead, **the one who does these things will live by them.**

- The righteous will live by faith-Hab 2:4
- The one who does these things will live by them Leviticus 18:5

Lev 18:5 Keep My statutes and ordinances; a person will live if he does them. I am the Lord.

Righteous and Justified

- Judicial terms: to do the right thing, justified: to be declared righteous
- Ancient government: No branches, one person was the judicial, legislative and executive branch

God is portrayed as that. Because he is the supreme one, the creator, He has created the laws, will judge us based on His laws and will execute the punishment or rewards based on that.

This concept is really difficult to grasp as humans because we are wired to do what we want, when we want and how we want. We are incompatible with God. He wants things his way and so do we.

Does that mean that God is selfish, no because

- His way blesses all
- He is above us
- He is the authority

What do we have control over, Jesus says why should humans even worry, we can't even control the length of our own life.

The picture Paul is painting is that if you want to come to God you must accept him as the authority.

Slide: Gal 3:13-14 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, because it is written, **Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.** **14** The purpose was that the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles by Christ Jesus, so that we could receive the promised Spirit through faith.

- Even though God is the authority and deals out the punishment for the rule breaker, he had His Son take our punishment

We are not compatible with God but because God wants a relationship with us he created the only way to have one, which is through his faith in his Son

Slide: Gal 3:15-16 Brothers and sisters, I'm using a human illustration. No one sets aside or makes additions to a validated human will. **16** Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say "and to seeds," as though referring to many, but referring to one, **and to your seed**, who is Christ.

- God made a covenant or a will with Abraham and his seed,
- And to your seed-Genesis 12:7, 13:15, 17:8, 24:7

The promise was not to the Jews but to Jesus. Being a Jew didn't deal with a person's sin, it could only mask it.

Slide: 3:17-18 My point is this: The law, which came 430 years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously established by God and thus cancel the promise. **18** For if the inheritance is based on the law, it is no longer based on the promise; but God has graciously given it to Abraham through the promise.

- The promise is that we have a relationship with God and one day we will reign with him in His kingdom.

However, for the past few centuries we have changed this message to one about do you want to spend eternity in Heaven or Hell.

Slide: What the Hell

- **Remove Hell from the discussion and you quickly discover that spending eternity with God is not enough of a reason to follow Christian doctrine.**

We need to change our view on God. Even though we are not compatible with him, he desires a relationship with you and was willing to take your punishment so that you could inherit His kingdom.

