

NEW RULES MY OLD RULES

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SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:1-6

BIG IDEA

New Rule: Don't go back to the old rules.

SERMON OUTLINE

1. The old rules pull us back into the performance trap. Performance: running for a finish line that doesn't exist.
2. The old rules exhaust and frustrate me.
3. Cooperation with the Spirit instigates my transformation.
4. Grace inspires what the rules require.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you currently living life under the pressure to perform? In what areas? How's that going?
2. In Gal. 3:2-3 Paul describes how the Galatian church originally received the Spirit by believing, but was now "foolishly" trying to earn God's acceptance through doing the right things. To what degree can you relate to their struggle?
3. Pastor Steve described grace as unconditional acceptance of undeserving people. Do you tend to see how other people are undeserving or how you are undeserving of God's grace?
4. How much performance is enough for God to be pleased with you? What about in your friendships? Your career? Your savings account? Your spouse? Your children? Your regular "time with God"?
5. How do you deal with the tension associated with accepting God's grace and not trying to perform for God versus working hard in your career, family, or relationship with God?

MY NEXT STEP

- ☐ Believe that I don't have to earn God's grace—ever.
- ☐ Begin living life out of gratitude for God's grace.
- ☐ Something else? _____