

## Not The Same || Faith + Works (Catholicism) Week 3

### INTRODUCTION

This weekend we talked about what the Bible teaches and what Catholicism professes at large. The difference between Protestants and Catholics comes down to sola scriptura. We believe a lot of the same things and there are many Catholics who believe “grace through faith” alone. At the same time, there are “works based” Protestants. This week we are focusing on grace through faith.

### CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What is one of your favorite family traditions that you had growing up or that you have now?
2. What is one tradition that you had growing up that you ‘protested’ from, questioned, and now no longer observe?

### SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your message notes from this weekend’s teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What are some things you have been tempted to add to the Gospel?
2. What has been your experience with the Catholic Church? (Family, friends, church background)
3. Read [Galatians 2:15-18](#). In the audience that Paul is writing to, what separated the Jews and the Gentiles? What is his purpose in writing to them?
4. Read [Genesis 15:6](#) and [Hebrews 11:8](#). Despite the 600+ rules and laws that were given in the Old Testament, how were people saved *before* Jesus?
5. Read [Galatians 2:20](#). What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? (*Challenge the group to memorize this verse this week.*)
6. Is there anything that you do that makes you feel like God might love you more because you do it? If so, what is that? What needs to change?

## **PRAYER**

Go around your group and ask for prayer requests. As a group, spend time praying over each other. Confess and ask for forgiveness in any area where we might be adding to the gospel. Thank God for the grace that allows us to stop striving and trying to earn.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next baptism service is May 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. There is nothing worth celebrating more than new life with Jesus! While baptism doesn't save you, it does show others you have said Yes to Jesus! If you are a follower of Jesus, but have not been baptized, you can sign up [HERE](#)
- Our Kids and Student Teams are planning for Promotion Weekend on May 21-22. Our Next Gen team will communicate with all families what new environment kids and students will be moving into. Your kids will want to be there that weekend!