

# THE VITAL FIRST STEP OF FAITH

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Galatians 2:21

I do not \_\_\_\_\_  
 for if \_\_\_\_\_  
 then \_\_\_\_\_.

### Truth

### Consequences

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I _____<br/>righteousness through the Law</li> <li>• I _____<br/>righteousness through the Law</li> </ul> | <p>Therefore</p> <p>Therefore</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God's grace is _____</li> <li>• Jesus' cross was _____</li> <li>• God's grace is _____</li> <li>• Jesus' cross was _____</li> </ul> |
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### Conclusions

- My view of grace and the cross is dependent upon \_\_\_\_\_.
- The first step to faith in Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The stumbling block to faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Extent of My Need

- Prior to Jesus, I \_\_\_\_\_.
- Apart from abiding in Jesus, I \_\_\_\_\_.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### The Fingers of Faith

- Thumb:
- Pinky:
- Pointer:
- Ring:
- Hand:

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## Grace Through Faith

### LOOK BACK

- **BLESS:** How has the Spirit of God prompted you to reach out to others in the last week or two? What actions or steps did you take?
- **Praise: Romans 7:22-25 and Romans 8:1-3** - Give praise to God for WHO He is and WHAT He has done and an affirmation of where our hope is. (How have you seen him work, answer a prayer, bless you or someone else?)

The language of our faith is thanksgiving in all things. What difficult circumstance in your life will you, by faith, give thanks for?

- **Confession:** How has pride kept you from acknowledging your need for God?

### LOOK IN

- What are the reasons the Bible gives for why Jesus NEEDED to die? (Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:1-3, Romans 5:6-11)
- What specific need caused you to cry out to Jesus to be your Savior?
- Read Luke 6:27-36
  - a) How does Jesus distinguish between what sinners do and what saints do?
  - b) Why do saints do what they do?
- AS you review the “fingers of faith” where in the process is your faith prone to “get stuck”?
- What questions, concerns, or doubts do you have regarding what you have heard and read?
- How did the Holy Spirit speak through this passage to inform, remind, convict, or encourage you?
- For Further Study: Read these passages to deepen your understanding.
  - Romans 6:1-14
  - Galatians 5:16-25
  - John 15:1-10
  - Colossians 3:1-17

### LOOK FORWARD

- Closing Prayer
  - Requests: What are you asking God to do in and through you in the coming week?
  - Relinquishment: Present your body to God as an instrument to work in and through for His glory.