



#4 don't go back

This week at Magdalen Road Church in chapter 3:1-14, we considered something of why the Galatians might be tempted to go back, but also how Paul sought to persuade them not to.

Before we got into the text though, we noted that the majority of believers Galatia would be gentle background believers who would have grown up with the idea that they could keep their pagan deity on side by the things that they do. Paul is concerned that these Christians will slide back into a works mentality as people are seeking to persuade them to adopt Jewish practices. It's a different 'vending machine', but it still a 'vending machine' model.

We split the talk into 2 halves

v1-5. Look back at your experience.

v6-14. Look back at the scriptures.

- Why does it seem from these verses that they should want to add in 'works'?
- How does Paul try and persuade them (v1-5) that they should not? How does this encourage us?
- How does Paul try and persuade them (v6-14) that they should not?
- What place do works have in the Christian life? How can we tell when we've got muddled?
- Why is faith in Jesus always enough?