GALATIANS Looking back

Galatians is the first letter that Paul wrote and he wrote with passion, and so it is packed full of words and ideas that can be hard to grasp if we don't take the time to look at them closely. This morning we are going to look back at what we have covered so far, make sure we understand the words we are using and answer some questions that have come up over the last few weeks.

Romans 3:9-12, 1 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:20-22, Matthew 5:17, Romans 3:23-24, Mark 10:45, Romans 3:31, Jeremiah 31:33 1 John 1:9, James 5:16

RIGHTEOUSNESSS is the simple ability to do the right thing

(Dallas Willard) We are both made righteous and called to pursue righteousness JUSTIFY - to acquit or declare righteous "Justified" means - just as if I had never sinned When we are born again God declares us not guilty, removes the stain and record of our sin, and gives us his Spirit that we might BE AND BEHAVE in a right or righteous way. **The Law** could direct behavior , but it couldn't change a heart The law revealed human sin so we might see how desperately we need his mercy **REDEMPTION** – to save through the payment of a ransom We are made righteous because we have been redeemed – purchased by Jesus' death and freed from the power of sin - we are now able to behave righteous-ly To **REPENT** means to turn around or change your mind.

Human tendency is to hide from God when we sin, Repentance and asking

for forgiveness restores relationship