

# **G**ALATIANS

THE **G**OSPEL OF **G**RACE

**THURSDAYS, SEP 7-DEC 7 @ 6:30-7:30A**

**IN-PERSON - THE LOOP CAMPUS (GARDEN ROOM - 158)**

**ONLINE - (ZOOM)**



**WARRIOR'S HEART**  
BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM ONE MAN AT A TIME

**BAND OF BROTHERS**  
MEN'S MINISTRY



## Galatians – The Gospel of Grace

September 7 – December 7, 2023

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***Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.***

Psalm 119:18 NIV

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Our Warrior's Heart journey this Fall 2023 will encounter the joy and grace presented by the Apostle Paul in Galatians.

We will have a combination of extraordinary teachers who will lead us through each of the six (6) chapters of Galatians, **plus** a personal study and group discussions to dive into the riches of this amazing book.

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To maximize each of our understanding and application to our own lives please consider using the S.P.A.C.E. method to dig out **GOLD NUGGETS** in Galatians as follows:

S – Is there a Sin to Confess?

P – Is there a Promise to Claim?

A – Is there an Attitude to Change?

C – Is there a Command to Obey?

E – Is there an Example to Follow?

Write down your Galatian chapter highlights in the ATTACHED weekly worksheets and then come prepared to discuss over your Table / Breakout Room.

# Galatians – The Gospel of Grace

## An Overview with Martin Dixon

September 7, 2023

1. The heart of letter of Galatians: Gospel \_\_\_\_
2. Suggested outline of Galatians
  - I. The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_, 1
  - II. The Gospel Message: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, 2-3
  - III. The Gospel Mandate: Live life by \_\_\_\_\_, 4-5
  - IV. The Gospel Model: \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, 6
3. Chapter Summary
  - I. Jewish Christians argument: Torah is by \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Paul's argument: Gospel message is commissioned by \_\_\_\_\_ and God The Father \_\_\_\_\_, 1:1
  - II. Requiring Gentile Christians to practice the Torah does two things:
    - a) Betrays the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2:15-16  
Justification means: Declared \_\_\_\_\_, Forgiven, given a place in God's \_\_\_\_\_, transformed by \_\_\_\_\_.
    - b) Places \_\_\_\_\_ in the center of \_\_\_\_\_, 2:21
  - III. Examples of Justification in the Old Testament
    - a) Story of Abraham (3:7-9; Gen. 12, 15).  
God declared Abraham righteous by his \_\_\_\_\_ in God's promises (Gen. 15:6) before the \_\_\_\_\_ was given and before he was \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 17:10-14)
    - b) The Law of Moses: Given to do two things
      - i. \_\_\_\_\_ Israel's sin and failure, \_\_\_\_\_ guilty, \_\_\_\_\_ them
      - ii. Keep Israel in \_\_\_\_\_
  - IV. How will Gentile Christians live without the Law? (Paul's response):
    - a) Before coming to faith in Jesus, both Jews and Gentiles were enslaved by \_\_\_\_\_ of the world (4:3)
    - b) Elements of the world: Jews - \_\_\_\_\_ Gentiles - \_\_\_\_\_
  - V. As members of a **New family** (by adoption) we have a **New Teacher and Guide**: \_\_\_\_\_ (5:16-26).

VI. Spirit-led believers are called upon to participate in two ministries:

a) \_\_\_\_\_ burdens (6:1-5)

b) \_\_\_\_\_ blessings (6:6-10)

# Galatians – The Gospel of Grace

## Galatians 1

September 14, 2023

### Read Galatians 1 – “The Gospel is Divine”

Carefully read Galatians 1 and look for any of the following:

S - Sin to confess; P - Promise to claim; A – Attitude to change; C – Command to Obey; E – Example to follow

Your Personal Notes:

### Discussion Questions

Why is it important that the gospel is God sent versus manmade?

In the Galatian church and in the world today, what forces try to pervert the gospel of Christ?

**Galatians – The Gospel of Grace**  
**Galatians 1 Summary**  
September 21, 2023

Your Personal Notes – “The Gospel is Divine”

# Galatians – The Gospel of Grace

## Galatians 2

September 28, 2023

### Read Galatians 2 – “HE Did it!”

Carefully read Galatians 2 and look for any of the following:

S - Sin to confess; P - Promise to claim; A – Attitude to change; C – Command to Obey; E – Example to follow

#### Your Personal Notes:

#### Discussion Questions

How does our identity change once we receive Christ by faith?

Paul states in Galatians 2:20 – “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live”. How does that impact our lives?

# Galatians – The Gospel of Grace

## Galatians 2 Summary

October 5, 2023

Your Personal Notes – “HE Did it!”



# Galatians – The Gospel of Grace

## Galatians 3

October 12, 2023

### Read Galatians 3 – “Comes from HIM.”

Carefully read Galatians 3 and look for any of the following:

S - Sin to confess; P - Promise to claim; A – Attitude to change; C – Command to Obey; E – Example to follow

#### Your Personal Notes:

#### Discussion Questions

What does it mean to be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law?

What has God promised to those who receive Him by faith?

**Galatians – The Gospel of Grace**  
**Galatians 3 Summary**

October 19, 2023

Your Personal Notes – “Comes from HIM.”

# Galatians – The Gospel of Grace

## Galatians 4

October 26, 2023

### Read Galatians 4 – “Am I Still a Slave?”

Carefully read Galatians 4 and look for any of the following:

S - Sin to confess; P - Promise to claim; A – Attitude to change; C – Command to Obey; E – Example to follow

#### Your Personal Notes:

#### Discussion Questions

After putting my faith in Christ how does God see me? (See Galatians 4: 6 – 7)

What would you say to a person who struggles with relating to God as a loving and grace-giving father?

Are there any areas of your life that more resembles slavery versus freedom? (Give each of those areas to God – Ask Him to set you free!)

**Galatians – The Gospel of Grace**  
**Galatians 4 Summary**  
November 2, 2023

Your Personal Notes – “Am I Still a Slave?”

# Galatians – The Gospel of Grace

## Galatians 5

November 9, 2023

### Read Galatians 5 – “A New Life by the Spirit”

Carefully read Galatians 5 and look for any of the following:

S - Sin to confess; P - Promise to claim; A – Attitude to change; C – Command to Obey; E – Example to follow

#### Your Personal Notes:

#### Discussion Questions

What are the differences between the sinful nature and the fruits of the Spirit?

Am I fully open to the Holy Spirit in all areas of my life (why or why not)?

**Galatians – The Gospel of Grace**  
**Galatians 5 Summary**  
November 16, 2023

Your Personal Notes – “A New Life by the Spirit”

# Galatians – The Gospel of Grace

## Galatians 6

November 30, 2023

### Read Galatians 6 – “Living my New Life”

Carefully read Galatians 6 and look for any of the following:

S - Sin to confess; P - Promise to claim; A – Attitude to change; C – Command to Obey; E – Example to follow

#### Your Personal Notes:

#### Discussion Questions

Am I weary in my life with Christ?

Do I have real and authentic relationships with brothers in Christ who I bring strength and they also strengthen me?

**Galatians – The Gospel of Grace**  
**Galatians 6 Summary**  
December 7, 2023

Your Personal Notes – “Living my New Life”





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# Letter To Galatians

# News “Media”

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Our lives are saturated with news from the media:

- Print, Cable, Radio, internet etc.
- Stories ran/reported by
  - a) CNN/Times magazine: US military used nerve gas during Vietnam war on defectors (retracted story/some heads roll)
  - b) Cincinnati Enquirer: US Business riddled with improper business practices (retracted story/some heads roll)
  - c) Fox News: Dominion voting machines have the ability to switched votes from one candidate to another (Acknowledge court rulings that certain claims were false/ settled for lots of money)
- “Rough draft” as the news is called can be rough
- News media/readership continue to deteriorate the last two decades
- This problem of the news is not new:  
Hymn writer, William Cooper: “*God moves in mysterious ways*” called news media of his day: “Ever bubbling spring of endless lies.”

# News “Media”

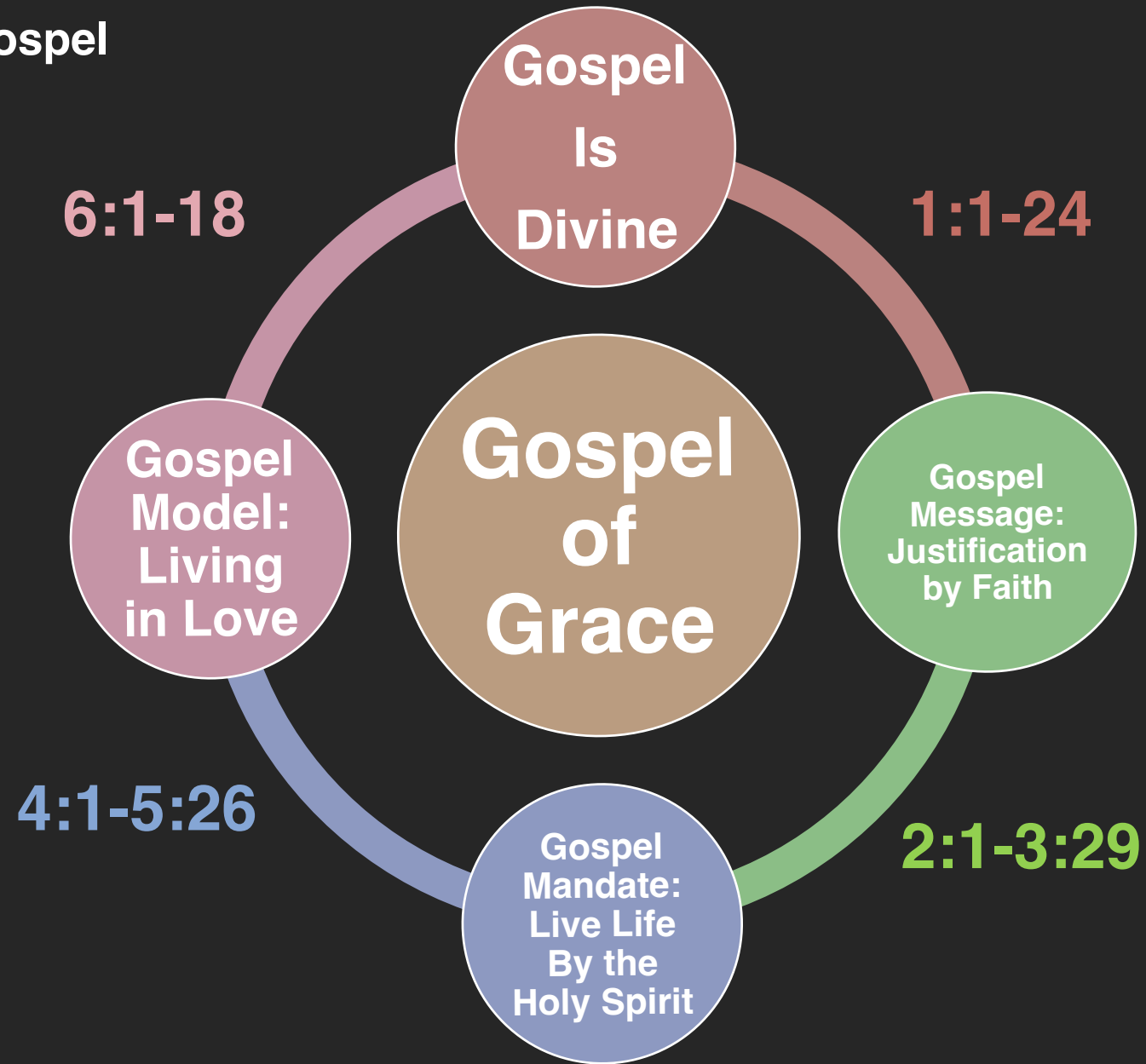
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- Where do we find true, reliable, important and useful news? CHURCH
- Have you thought of the church as a “**News Organization?**”
  1. Reliable source
  2. Means of distribution
  3. Audience
  4. We have tremendous news
- What the church is about is getting out this news, message, one that is in no danger of being recalled, or retracted.
- What is this news? How can we summarize it?
- Let turn to a document that is older, shorter, more universally recognized and clearer.
- One Martin Luther called his “**My own letter.**” Not because he wrote it, but because it was the bed rock in his understanding of the gospel message. That document is Paul’s letter to the churches in Galatia, present day Turkey



**A Walk Through  
Galatians**

# The Heart of Gospel



Galatians – written to churches in Galatia by Paul  
Written from a place of passion and frustration –  
angriest Paul has been

- Christianity started as Jewish Messianic movement in Jerusalem.
- Message was for all humanity. Movement quickly spread beyond Jerusalem to the Gentile world.
- Spread sparked a big debate (Acts 15)
- Historically, the Covenant people were focused on one ethnic group – Israel
  - a) Set apart by practices of the Torah – Kosher, circumcision, Sabbath, Jewish Holidays
  - b) Some Jewish Christians believed to be part of the big covenant people, non-Jewish Christians needed to obey the Torah, not the case in Galatia
  - c) Some came to the churches in Galatia, demanding practices of the Torah.
- It undermined the message of Paul.

# A Closer Look

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## How Did It Start?

## Chapter 1

- Paul began letter by defending the veracity and authority of his message:
  1. Message not from men or by man, vv.1, 11-12
  2. Commissioned by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead (Acts 9).
  3. Paul argued the Gospel of grace given Jesus Christ was supported by the leaders, 2:6-10
  4. This is key. Jewish Christians argued: Torah was from God, by God, of God and Moses, and that Paul was no authority
  
- Paul was hurt because
  1. Jewish Christians said ugly things him, vv.13ff
  2. Distorted the Gospel of Grace, vv.7-9
  3. Gentile Christians were leaving grace for the law, a loss of their Christian freedom, v. 6
  4. God gave Moses Ten Commandments. By the time of Jesus, there were **613** laws.

# A Closer Look

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The  
Gospel  
Is  
Divine

## Chapter 2-3

For Paul, demanding the Gentile Christians to practice the Torah does two things

1. Betrays the Gospel of grace, one not received by works
  - Paul's own words: People are not justified by the works of the Torah, rather by the faith of Jesus the Messiah, and we have faith in Jesus the Messiah, 2:15-16
  - Justification (OT word) means: Declared righteous - right relationship with God, forgiven, given a place in God's family, transformed by God's grace.
2. Places works in the center of salvation
  - We are justified only through trusting in what God did for them through Jesus, not by what they do for themselves
  - What is true of Jesus is true of Paul, 2:19-20

# A Closer Look

## How Did It Start?

Gospel Message:  
Justification by Faith



In chapter 3, Paul turns to two OT truths to buttress his point:

1. Story of Abraham ( 3:7-9; Gen. 12, 15)
  - God declared Abraham righteous by his **faith** in God's promises (Gen. 15:6) way before the law was given and before he was circumcised (Gen. 17:10-14)
  - Gospel was announced ahead of time to Abraham through the promise: All nations will be blessed through their faith like Abraham and find God through Abraham's **offspring**, Jesus Christ 3:16 (Gen. 12:3)
  - God's purpose was to always have a large family of people who will relate to him on the basis of faith, not the law, 3:11

# A Closer Look

## How Did It Start?

Gospel  
Message:  
Justificatio  
n by Faith

2. The Law. Why was it given? Two reasons
  - a) Law performs a negative role: Like a microscope, it exposes Israel's failures and sin – pronounces them guilty – imprisons them
  - b) Law performs a positive role: Acted like a strict school teacher, college professor, Senior pastor, to keep Israel in line until the coming of Abraham's promised offspring (3:24)
- Through Jesus (Abraham's offspring), God's blessings came to all people regardless of their race, gender, social status, nationality (3:27-29)

# A Closer Look

## How Did It Start?

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**Gospel  
Message:  
Justification  
by Faith**

## Chapter 4-5

- The Jewish Christians argue: Laws of the Torah are a proven guide to live by.
- How will Gentile Christians learn to live?
- Paul's response ( Chapter 4)

### 1. Jews & Gentiles: Before coming to faith in Jesus

a) Were in slavery under elements of the world, 4:3.

- Jews were slaves under the **law**
- Gentiles were slaves under **false religions**
- Both systems (elements) require performance to get God to accept and bless you. These systems put God in our debt

b) God can't be in our debt.

2. So, Jesus born of a woman (Jew, mankind), under the law (a member of the Mosaic covenant) perfectly obey the law to redeem all under it, adopt them into God's family, vv.4-7

# A Closer Look

## How Did It Start?

Gospel  
Mandate:  
Live Life by  
the Holy  
Spirit

As members of a new family (by adoption) we have a new teacher and guide, the Holy Spirit to help us live in this world (**Chapter 5**)

1. Laws of the Torah are good and wise, v.14. (Lev. 19:18). The Laws do not get Israel to obey them.
2. Good news is Jesus fulfills law on our behalf, and now lives in us through the Holy Spirit., vv. 5-6
3. Do not live life by the flesh (vv.19-21). It destroys lives and relationships. The law prohibits them, but Jesus puts them to death on the cross
4. Live life by the Holy Spirit (your new teacher and guide) whose life becomes ours (vv. 22-26).

# A Closer Look

## How Did It Start?

Gospel  
Mandate:  
Live Life by  
the Holy  
Spirit

## Chapter 6

In this chapter, Paul describes two ministries the Spirit-led believer participates in

### 1. Bearing Burdens, vv.1-5

- The law is not interested in bearing burdens. It adds to the burdens of others (Acts 15:10)
- The Spirit-led believer demands more of himself than he does of others – that he might be able to help others

### 2. Blessings' Sharing, vv. 6-10

- What we do with material things is an evidence of how we value spiritual things

For Paul (in this letter)

- The requirement for Christians to be Torah observant is pointless, going back to slavery.
- What matters is God's new family full of faith in Jesus, love God and others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

# A Closer Look

## How Did It Start?

Gospel Model:  
Living in Love

## Chapter 6

In this chapter, Paul describes two ministries the Spirit-led believer participates in

### 1. Bearing Burdens, vv.1-5

- The law is not interested in adding to our burdens
- The Spirit leads us to love more than he does to help others

### 2. Blessings' Share

- What we do with our share of how we

For Paul (in this letter)

- The requirement for Christians to be Torah observant is pointless, going back to slavery.
- What matters is God's new family full of faith in Jesus, love God and others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is Paul's Letter of Good News  
**The Gospel  
of  
Grace**

Model:  
Living in  
Love