Galatians---Paul's Defense of the Faith Wednesday, September 21, 2016

- 1. Paul's authority for writing to the churches in Galatia came directly from **Jesus the Messiah** and God the Father.
- 2. Christ freely gave himself for our **sins** and **justice** requires a payment for sin.
- 3. The infinite greatness of the price paid was because the **power** of sin is so great that it could not be dealt with except the **Son** of **God** be given for it.
- 4. If we don't understand the importance of **grace** in the Gospel story, we are just like every other religion in the world who tries to achieve their way through works.
- 5. Those who would try to establish any other way to heaven than what the Gospel of Christ reveals will find themselves wretchedly **mistaken**.
- 6. Any change in the Gospel, no matter how small or apparently insignificant, is an <u>alien</u> message, is <u>no</u> message, and is a lie about **God**.
- 7. If anyone, including an <u>angel</u> from heaven preaches something other than what you originally received, let him be <u>cursed</u>.
- 8. As soon as we begin to list what we do for Christ and fail to focus on what He did for us, we become **works** driven and not **grace** driven.
- 9. Paul refused to alter the doctrine of Christ, either to gain the crowd's **favor** or to avoid their **fury**.

- 10. Under grace we have a <u>liberty</u> that the law cannot provide and are <u>iustified</u>. (Just as if I'd never sinned)
- 11. The Galatians tried to return to <u>righteousness</u> according to the law, an impossibility.
- 12. Christ, on the other hand, viewed us as <u>sinners</u> having no <u>righteousness</u> yet He gave Himself to deliver us from a condemned world.
- 13. God wants us to walk in **liberty** and also in **holiness**.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.