

Grace – Guard What’s Given Galatians 1:1-10

Intro: It is the height of deception to lead people to believe a message that robs them of their freedom. It happened in American history. It happened in the early church. It happens today when false teaching keeps people from living in the freedom and the fullness of the power of grace. This issue Paul takes up in his letter to the Galatians.

I. Grace in Paul’s _____ – Galatians 1:1

A. Paul went from antagonist to _____.

B. Paul learned that _____ was exceedingly abundant.

Ephesians 2:8-9 – Is “grace in your biography?”

II. Grace in Paul’s _____ – Galatians 1:3-5

Grace is the action of God _____ down in kindness to reach us in and meet our need, even deepest need.

A. Jesus gave himself for our _____ - 1:3

B. Jesus delivered us from _____ - 1:4

C. Jesus acted according to the _____ of God the Father – 1:4

III. Grace in Paul’s _____ – Galatians 1:6-9

Paul points out ways that Christians may fail to guard the grace that is theirs through salvation.

A. _____ – 1:6

B. _____ – 1:7

C. _____ – 1:6-7

Application: How can the Galatians guard the grace that is theirs by standing firm in the truth of the Gospel? How can we?

1. Allow Paul’s letter to instruct us.

2. See God’s grace and the gift of salvation is absolutely free through Christ.

3. Weigh carefully what you are being taught and whether it conforms to the message of the Gospel of God’s grace.

Small Group Questions

1. Why is false teaching instead of being taught the truth so destructive in a person's life?
2. Read Galatians 1:6-9 - What was Paul's burden that led him to write this letter? What was happening to the Galatian Christians?
3. Read Galatians 1:13-14. Was Paul always a guardian of grace and the gospel? Explain.
4. Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. What changed in Paul's life? How did he learn that grace was "exceedingly abundant?"
5. Read Galatians 1:3-5 – Review the ways that grace was displayed through Jesus Christ. What does Paul say Jesus did?
6. The "different" gospel that the Galatians were turning to was that circumcision and Jewish tradition completes salvation. What false gospels or messages might people be deceived and turn to today?
7. Read Galatians 1:8-9 – How serious is it when a person distorts the truth of the Gospel? What does Paul say will happen to such a person?
8. Discuss the application points. How can they help you to guard the grace of God that has been given you through Christ?