

## **Galatians**

Free from Religion

*Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Acts 13:38*

*When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him. Acts 13:45*

*Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. Acts 14:19*

*They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch. Acts 14:21*

*I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— Galatians 1:6*

### **Old Testament Law**

**-Ceremonial Law**

**-Civil Law**

**-Moral Law**

*A person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Galatians 2:16*

*I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing! Galatians 2:21*

*So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Galatians 3:24*

**Grace is Greater than Religion!**

## **Why do we turn to a religious way of thinking?**

- Religion offers a method of measurement.**

*For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. Galatians 1:13-14*

- Religion gives a feeling of superiority.**

- Religion provides a false sense of comfort.**