

Galatians 1

For the Glory of God

Paul is writing to a series of churches of Galatia; Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. The main issue of the letter is the issue of the Judaizers; which is to say some were teaching that in order to be a follower of Christ one had to follow Jewish law/traditions. While this address may not seem to apply to us, make no mistake, the same arguments Paul is contending still apply to this day.

For the Glory of God: 3 Warnings

1. We are sent by God, not man

- God's message, God's ministry
 - i. Verse 1 "...not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father..."
 - ii. Christ sent Paul, Christ send the apostles Matt 28
- The gospel message is one of unity among the brethren
 - i. Verses 2 "...and all the brethren who are with me"
 - ii. In Christ, we are all sons and daughters equally. Gal 3 "...neither Jew nor Greek..."

2. There is only one Gospel of Jesus Christ

- DO NOT get deceived by false gospel claims.
 - i. Verse 7... those that are disturbing or distorting
 - ii. Verse 8... "we or an angel"
- The twisting of the gospel for the glory of man...
 - i. There are those that will give a watered down/twisted/distorted/flat out wrong, gospel message for their own glory, power, wealth, etc. **Jude 1:4**
 - ii. Paul makes clear, if his purpose was to please man he would not be a slave to Christ. Verse 10

3. The Biblical Gospel is greater than the traditions of man

- The Gospel message is not a tradition of man, but the revelation of Christ. Given to us by God. verse 12
 - i. Paul, as a leader and advanced person in Judaism (verse 14), knew about tradition. Most of the Jewish law by his time had become rules and tradition created by man.

- (trust not the traditions of man) Know the words of God
 - i. Verse 17-18, after his conversion, Paul spends 3 years in the wilderness to know God better.
 - ii. Proverbs 21:3

End with gospel presentation

Mark 1:15