

GALATIANS

NO OTHER GOSPEL

Galatians: Previously Chapter 1 & 2

Paul's 1st letter

One True Gospel

Gospel saves... then transforms

Harsh and Direct Tone

Active Righteousness vs. Passive Righteousness

Another Gospel?... let them be Accursed

Man Pleasers or God Pleasers

Paul... Called and Taught by God (revelation of Jesus)

Accepted by the Apostles

A Revelation from Job (approx. 2000 BC)

“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
“That with an iron stylus and lead
They were engraved in the rock forever!
“As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.
“Even after my skin is destroyed,
Yet from my flesh I shall see God;
Whom I myself shall behold,
And whom my eyes will see and not another.
My heart faints within me!

Job 19:23-27

Paul's Progression of Faith/Grace

Galatians 2:6 NLT (48-50 AD)

6 And the leaders of the church had nothing to add to what I was preaching. (By the way, their reputation as great leaders made no difference to me, for God has no favorites.)

1 Cor 15:9 NKJV (53-55 AD)

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Eph 3:8 NKJV (60-62 AD)

To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

1 Tim 1:15 NKJV (62-66 AD)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

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Wat seams 2 B the problem?

Today's Passage we consider:

Confrontation of Sin

False Teaching vs. Standing on the truth of Gospel

Fear of Man vs. Fear of God

Unrighteous Separation vs. Holiness

Hypocrisy

Influencing Christians to sin vs. to Edify

Spiritual Power

God's Love

Backdrop for Galatians 2:11-21

The City of Antioch, Syria

Jewish and Gentile Christians in fellowship together

Jewish leaders (associated with James but not specifically sent by James) arrive.

Peter withdraws from eating with the Christian Gentiles

Many including Barnabas are caused to stumble

“But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he *began* to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. ¹³ The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.” Galatians 2:11-13

Why do you think Paul Confronted Peter this way?

Have ever been confronted regarding a sin?

Have you ever confronted someone regarding a sin?

What resulted in these confrontations?

Why do you think Paul did this publicly instead of privately?

“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.”

Matthew 18:15

“My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”

James 5:19-20

“Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful *of sinning*.”

1 Timothy 5:20

“Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.”

Galatians 6:1

Peter stood condemned

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Galatians 2:11

“in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God”

1 John 3:20-21

“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.”

Matthew 23:13

Why should Peter have understood all this ?

“And Peter stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.” Acts 9:43

²⁵ When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and worshiped *him*. ²⁶ But Peter raised him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am *just* a man.” ²⁷ As he talked with him, he entered and *found many people assembled. ²⁸ And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and yet God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean.” ²⁹ That is why I came without even raising any objection when I was sent for. So I ask for what reason you have sent for me.” Acts 10:25-29

Acts 11:1-10

“Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him, ³ saying, “**You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.**” ⁴ But Peter began *speaking* and *proceeded to explain* to them in orderly sequence, saying, ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object coming down like a **great sheet** lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me, ⁶ and when I had fixed my gaze on it and was observing it I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, **Peter; kill and eat.**’ ⁸ But I said, ‘**By no means, Lord,** for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But a voice from heaven answered a second time, ‘**What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.**’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into the sky.”

Peter Proven

“As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries.” 1 Peter 1:10

“Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 1:13

“As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10

“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

Have you ever struggled with a specific sin,
and continued to fall back into it?

How have you dealt with it?

“Do not enter the path of the wicked And do not proceed in the way of evil men.
Avoid it, do not pass by it; Turn away from it and pass on.” Prov. 4:14-15

“Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but
the immoral man sins against his own body.” 1 Cor 6:18

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May
it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Romans 6:1-2

“Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.”
Psalm 119:11

Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with
those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 2 Tim 2:22

Practical Lessons from Peter

“For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he *began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.* ¹³ The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.”
Galatians 2:12-13

Note: Aloof = *aphorizō* / to mark off from others by boundaries, to limit, **to separate**
in a bad sense: to exclude as disreputable
in a good sense: to appoint, set apart for some purpose

Sin is highly contagious

Where might we see this in our own ministries today?

Are we fearing man or God?

“Do not fear them, for the LORD your God is the one fighting for you.” Deut. 3:22

“I sought the LORD, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears.” Psalm 34:4

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me;” Psalm 23:4

“You who hear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.” Psalm 115:11

“Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10:28

“You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

James 4:4

“Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

James 4:17

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Matthew 6:33

“Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? ”

2 Cor. 6:14

“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.”

2 Tim. 1:7

But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, “If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how *is it that* you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews? Galatians 2:14

Straightforward = *orthopodeō*, *walk straight, act uprightly*

“Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?” Matthew 7:3

“Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.”

Romans 2:1

“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 7:12

“We *are* Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; ¹⁶ nevertheless knowing that a **man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be **justified by faith in Christ** and not by the works of the Law; since **by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.**” Galatians 2:15-16

“Justification is based entirely upon the work Christ wrought for us, sanctification is principally a work wrought in us.” A.W. Pink

“Without justification salvation is not of grace, but of works.”

William Carey

**Today, as we sit in this Sunday School class,
are you justified by faith in Jesus Christ?**

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
John 1:14

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,”
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“For we maintain that a man is *justified by faith apart from works* of the Law.” Romans 3:28

“For *by grace you have been saved* through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works*, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

“and may be found in Him, *not having a righteousness of my own* derived from *the* Law, but *that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God* on the basis of faith.” Philippians 3:9

“But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be! ¹⁸For if I rebuild what I have *once destroyed*, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.” Galatians 2:17-19

“If you have *died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world*, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, ²¹ “Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!” Col 2:20-21

“Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil practices*, ¹⁰ and have *put on the new self* who is being renewed to a true knowledge *according to the image of the One who created him*” Col 3:9-10

“I have been **crucified with Christ**; and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

Galatians 2:20

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

2 Cor. 5:17

“*that is*, the mystery which has been hidden from the *past* ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, ²⁷ to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

Col 1:26-27

“Or do you not know that **all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?** ⁴ Therefore **we have been buried with Him** through baptism into death, so that **as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.** ⁵ For if we have become **united with *Him*** in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.”

Romans 6:3-7

“Christ living in us, ourselves living upon Christ, and our union to Christ being visibly maintained by an act of simple faith in Him—this is the true Christian’s life.” C.H. Spurgeon

“I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

Galatians 2:21

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