

Flashback

Don't Go Back

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

Scriptures For Context

1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen. Galatians 1:1-5

*9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by **the grace** of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. 1 Corinthians 15:9-10*

Key Scripture

*6 I am **amazed** that you are so **quickly deserting** Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. Galatians 1:6-7*

Big idea: Be careful to not turn from the gospel of grace to the bondage of the law.

Key Question

- When you want to emphasize an important point to someone, how do you do it?

What Does it Say?

- How did Paul bring up two vital concerns in the beginning of his letter (1:1,4)
- How did Paul conclude his salutation? (1:4-5)
- What attitude did Paul express? Why? (1:6-7)
- How were the Galatian Christians being thrown "into confusion"? (1:7)

What Does it Mean?

- The tone of Paul's letter is serious and abrupt; why did he write this way? 7. Why do some Christians base their identity on things other than Christ?
- How do Christians have a tendency to bypass God's grace in their daily experience?

What Does it Mean for Me?

- Why was it important for the Galatian churches to be reminded that salvation lay in the work of Christ, not in human works?
- How can you prepare to respond the next time you hear a distorted message about Christ?
- As a servant of Christ, what are some ways you can best share the true gospel with the unbelievers you know?

Dinner Discussion. Start working with and giving to God what you have by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

- What are the requirements for salvation? (John 3:16, James 2:14)
- Have you ever been told about or heard of additional requirements for salvation from parents, teachers, church leaders, or others?
- What happens when people set up additional requirements for salvation? How do we know what to believe?

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