

NOTES: Faith and Freedom | Galatians

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Purpose of Galatians

1. To refute the teaching of the legalizers
2. To reestablish his authority as an apostle.
3. To call believers to faith and freedom.

Galatians 1.1-10

1. God gave Himself for our sins

- To rescue (Greek word “Exaireo”-to take out, set free, rescue)
- From This present evil age

The Galatians State of their soul

“I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;”
(Galatians 1:6, NASB95) They left what they were taught, shown and experienced

“You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.” (Galatians 5:4, NASB95) When we seek to take the place of Christ and work for our salvation we are severed.

2. There is no Different Gospel (1.6-10)

The Gospel = The Good News of salvation by grace through faith in the work and ministry of Jesus Christ only.

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| Jesus plus anything you have to do, is not the Gospel |
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““We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.” (Galatians 2:15–16, NIV)

3. Be a God pleaser not a man pleaser

“For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.” (Galatians 1:10, NASB95)

Have you been rescued by the grace and mercy of Jesus?

For continued small group, family, and personal reflection and study:

1. Have you ever read Galatians and what do you know about the book?
2. Read Galatians 1.1-5. What do you observe about the introduction of the letter by Paul? Who is mentioned? What words pop out to you? What messages are right in the introduction?
3. What did pastor teach about verse 4? Share your recollections?
4. How is our age, time, or culture that evil?
5. Read 1.6-10. How was the Gospel being perverted? How is it being distorted now?
6. The definition of the Gospel:

The Gospel = The Good News of salvation by grace through faith in the work and ministry of Jesus Christ only.

Why is this “Good News”?

7. What legalistic things have you participated in, during your journey, that you may have or still do believe, is absolutely critical to your salvation?
8. Read 1.10 How do we believer’s turn into man pleasers in your opinion? Define a God pleaser?
9. How can we stay strong in God so we don’t buckle to please people instead of Jesus?

Pray about these matters for your life and the church at large.