

Paul's Letter to the Galatians Galatians 1:11 – 2:21

Galatians 1:11-12 CSB

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human source and I was not taught it, but it came by a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Paul is arguing that the gospel he announced to the Galatians is a gospel of divine authority.

The American prosperity gospel is the “deification and ritualization of the American dream, upward mobility, accumulation, hard work, and moral fiber.” - Kate Bowler, *Blessed*, 226.

John 17:3 CSB

This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent —Jesus Christ.

Paul's Narrative in Galatians 1:13 – 2:14

- ***Paul's Divine Call (1:11-24)***
- ***Recognition at Jerusalem (2:1-10)***
- ***Division at Antioch (2:11-14)***

Galatians 2:15-16 CSB

We are Jews by birth and not "Gentile sinners," and yet because we know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we ourselves have believed in Christ Jesus. This was so that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no human being will be justified.

Galatians 2:17-19 CSB

But if we ourselves are also found to be "sinners" while seeking to be justified by Christ, is Christ then a promoter of sin? Absolutely not! If I rebuild those things that I tore down, I show myself to be a lawbreaker. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live for God.

Galatians 2:20-21 CSB

I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Clarifications:

1. *Christ* → *anointed King*
2. *Faith* (πίστις, *pistis*) → *allegiance*
3. *Justified* → *considered righteous*

God considers righteous those who give their allegiance to King Jesus.

Everything for Paul has been redefined because of Jesus. Everything has been put under the authority of God's gift of Christ.

Practice: Rest/Sabbath

Devote 24 hours to rest this week, developing your trust in God.