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A SUMMER IN GALATIANS



Section 1:

THE PURE GOSPEL OF GRACE



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Part 1: Pure Love

Galatians 1:1-5 (ESV)

“Paul, an apostle-not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead-and all the brothers who are with me. To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen”

An Overview of Galatians

- Authorship and Date (v. 1)
- Audience and occasion (v. 2)
- Major themes:
 - Defense of Paul's apostolic authority
 - Defense of the gospel of grace
 - Desire for the Galatians to live in the liberty brought by Christ (5:1) and demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit (5:22-23)

The Authority of the Apostle Paul

Literally, the word translated apostle means “messenger” and has both a limited and wider meaning:

- The original apostles of Jesus
- Paul (1 Cor. 3:10; 9:1; 14:37; Eph. 2:20; 3:3-5)
- Barnabas and Timothy
- Paul’s apostolic appointment did not come from man nor was ratified by an organization. Rather, it is from God (v. 1, Galatians 1; 1:11-24)

The Actions of our Lord (vv. 3-5)

- Grace and peace (v. 3)
- Giving Himself for our sins (v. 4) and delivering us from the domain and domination of Satan (Jn. 12:31)
- God's glory (v. 5)

Galatians 1:6-10

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel-not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again:

Galatians 1:6-10

“If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

Desertion, Distortion, and Destruction

- Desertion (v. 6)
- Distortion (v. 7): troubling the church and changing the gospel
- Destruction (vv. 8-10): strong language necessary to convey the message of grace as imperative!

Lessons to Learn/Things to Think through

- If the message cannot be challenged, the messenger shall face accusation, contempt, and persecution (2 Tim. 3:12)
- One Savior, One Gospel, One Foundation
- Is all that I do for the glory of God...and God alone (1 Cor. 10:31| Galatians 1:5)?



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