

Galatians: No Other Gospel!

The Gospel Defended From Experience: Galatians 3:1-5

Introduction

- 1. The Structure of Galatians thus far
 - The Gospel Messenger (Chapter 1-2:14)
 - The Gospel Message (Chapter 2:15-4)
 - (1) The Gospel Defined (Chapter 2:15-21)
 - (2) The Gospel Defended (Chapters 3-4)
 - The Gospel Defended from Experience (Chapter 3:1-5)
 - The Gospel Defended from Scripture (Chapter 3:6-Chapter 4)
- 2. In the last section of Galatians, Paul recorded his words to Peter. In this text he speaks directly to the Galatians

Paul speaks sternly to the Galatians

Galatians 3:1a

Paul reminds the Galatians that they had seen and heard the gospel

Galatians 3:1b

Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified in Word and in Sacrament.

- 1. The Word as the gospel portrayed
 - 1 Corinthians 1:23-24—but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
 - 1 Corinthians 2:2—For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

2. The Lord's Supper as the gospel portrayed

1 Corinthians 11:26—For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Paul questions them to bring them back to the gospel

Revelation 2:5—Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.



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- 1. Did you earn the Spirit or was it a gift of grace given to you through faith?
 - Galatians 3:2
- 2. Have you lost your minds!?
 - Galatians 3:3a
- 3. The Spirit began this work, is it really up to YOU to finish it?
 - Galatians 3:3b
 - Philippians 1:6—And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- 4. Was all your suffering for nothing!
 - Galatians 3:4
- 5. Did God perform wonders before you and give you his Spirit because of your obedience to the law? Or did these happen by faith?
 - Galatians 3:5

Closing Applications

- 1. The gospel of the cross: Jesus really did pay it all
- 2. The importance of preaching the gospel to yourself
- 3. The importance of preaching the gospel to your fellow church members