

Galatians

Salvation by Grace

Author: Paul the Apostle (1:1; 5:2; 6:11)

Who: The believers in various assemblies in Galatia (what is now Turkey). Paul had met some of them while he traveled in that area. He was also stoned and left for dead. see Acts 13:51 -14:20

Why: The purity of the Gospel Ch 1:6 & 7, and Legalism Ch 3: 1- 5 the Galatians are being deceived by some people who are leading them away from Christ and declaring a different Gospel. There were also Jews who were leading them back under the law. Paul makes it very clear that the law is a curse and that Christ has set us free from the curse of the law.

1. Introduction; Ch 1:1-5
2. Purpose; The Galatians departing from the only Gospel: Ch 1: 6-9
3. Paul defends himself and reaffirms his authority; Ch 1:10 – 2:21
 - a. Gospel is from God... not from men.
 - b. Corrected Peter's error (2:11-21)
 - i. Why had Peter changed his teaching/behavior?
 - ii. Why did Paul correct Peter?
4. Justification by faith; apart from the law; Ch 3:1-24
 - a. How was Abraham (before the law) justified? (3:6)
 - b. Who would receive the promise/blessing spoken to Abraham? (3:8-9)
 - c. Note those listed in Heb 11 commended for faith (Old or New Testament saints?)
 - d. Laws have two parts: (1) a command, and (2) _____ (3:10-14)
 - e. The law still has a purpose... what is it? (3:21-24)
5. The believer lives by Grace not the law: Ch 3: 25 -5:1
 - a. What position do we have in Christ? (3:26+)
 - b. Living not under bondage, but liberty/freedom (4:21-5:1)
6. The character of the believer justified by Faith alone: Ch 5: 2-26
 - a. Practical result is living out love (5:14)
 - b. Spirit received as a result of faith (3:2)... continue to walk in Spirit (5:16+)
7. What new life in Christ looks like; Ch 6:1-18
 - a. What are some of the practical results of a gospel of faith/love vs law/fear?