

Let's Get Right to The Point

GALATIANS 1:1-10*

In a world filled with trouble, it is becoming more and more difficult to find any "good news." To the person who has trusted Christ as Savior, the real "Good News" is the Gospel: "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures... He was buried, and... He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4). It is the Good News that sinners can be forgiven and go to heaven because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross. The Good News of salvation through faith in Christ is the most important message in the world.

This message had changed Paul's life and, through him, the lives of others. But now this message was being attacked, and Paul was out to defend the truth of the Gospel. Some false teachers had invaded the churches of Galatia-churches Paul had founded-and were teaching a different message from that which Paul had taught. Therefore Paul attacks with his . . .

—Source of authority (1:1-5)

—Subject of amazement (1:6-7)

—Scathing admonition (1:8-10)

"Legalism is basically conformity to a standard for the purpose of exalting self."

—Charles Ryrie

* These notes are prayerfully provided to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.

GALATIANS: LESSONS IN LIBERTY

The Epistle to the Galatians has been called "the charter of Christian liberty." It is Paul's manifesto of justification by faith and the liberty it produces. Paul directs this great charter of Christian freedom to a people who are willing to give up the priceless liberty they possess in Christ. Certain Jewish legalists are influencing the believers in Galatia to trade their freedom in Christ for bondage to the Law. Paul writes to refute their false gospel of works, and to demonstrate the superiority of justification by faith.

Focus	Gospel of Grace Defended cps.1-2		Gospel of Grace Explained cps.3-4				Gospel of Grace Applied cps.5-6										
	Divisions	Paul's Apostleship	Paul's Authority	Justification by Faith not Works	Justification by Faith not the Law	Law and Grace Cannot Co-exist	Position and Practice of Liberty	Power for Liberty	Performance in Liberty:	Production of Liberty							
Place & Date	1:1	1:24 2:1	2:21	3:1	3:9	3:10	4:20	4:21	4:31	5:1	5:15	5:16	5:26	6:1	6:10	6:11	6:18
Topics	Biographical Explanation		Doctrinal Exposition				Practical Exhortation										
	Authentication of Liberty		Argumentation for Liberty				Application of Liberty										
			South Galatian Theory:		Syrian Antioch		A.D. 49										
			North Galatian Theory:		Ephesus or Macedonia		A.D. 53-56										

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