

Series: Free In Christ

Title: The Letter of Paul to the Churches of Galatia

Text: (Gal 1:1-5)

Introduction:

Galatians is the charter of Christian Freedom.

Paul proclaims liberty in Christ. (Gal 5:1)

Setting: Controversy of new believers & to Jewish laws.

Traditions in addition to believing in Christ. (Acts 15:1)

Conflict between Law/Grace, Faith/Works still today.

We cannot be saved by keeping the law:

(Gal 3:24-25) Schoolmaster

(Heb 10:1)

Theme Verse: (Gal 5:1)

The entire book summarized 1 word: Grace

Author: The Apostle Paul

Written: Approx 49 AD

Written to: the churches in Southern Galatia (Acts 13-14)

Purpose:

1. To Refute the Judiazers:

A. Defend his Apostleship

B. Defend Justification by Faith

C. To Correct False Teaching of Faith + Works

2. To Call Christians to Freedom in Christ:

A. Defend the True Gospel: (Gal 2:5)

B. Establish that the Grace of God is all we need.

A Brief Outline of the Letter:

I. The Grace of God and the Gospel: (Ch 1-2)

A. Grace Rejected: (Ch 1)

1. Introduction: (Vs 1-5)

2. Confrontation of a False Gospel: (Vs 6-9)

3. Controversy with Peter: (Vs 10-24)

B. Grace Defended: (Ch 2)

1. Controversy with Peter Cont': (Vs 1-16)

2. Salvation by Grace alone: (Vs 17-21)

II. The Grace of God and Law: (Ch 3-4)

A. Grace & Justification by Faith: (Ch 3)

1. Appeal to the Reader's Salvation Story: (Vs 1-5)

2. OT Teaches Grace: (vs 6-20)

B. Grace & Freedom from Legalism: (Ch 4)

1. The Purpose of the Law: (Ch 3:21-ch 4:31)

III. The Grace of God and the Christian Life: (Ch 5-6)

A. Grace & Liberty: (Ch 5)

1. Faith, Not Works: (Vs 1-12)

2. Free to Serve: (Vs 13-26)

B. Grace Manifested by Love: (Ch 6)

1. Be Kind & Bear each others Burdens: (Vs 1-10)

2. Paul's Final Thoughts: (Vs 11-18)

Topics Discussed:

Justification by Faith: (Gal 2:15-16)

By Grace: (Rom 3:24)

By Blood: (Rom 3:25)

By God: (Rom 3:26)

By Faith: (Rom 3:28)

Christ Living Through Me: (Gal 2:20)

Redemption by Christ: (Gal 3:13-14)

Fruits of the Spirit: (Gal 5:22-23)

Principles of Sowing & Reaping: (Gal 6:7-9)

Glory of the Cross: (Gal 6:14)

I. Introduction: (Ch 1:1-5)

A. Author:

(Vs 1) *Paul, an apostle,*

Apostle ~ One Sent! (Mark 3:14-15)

(not of men, neither by man,

The 11 Apostles chose Judas Iscariot's Replacement:

(Acts 1:21-22)

(Acts 1:26) Matthias - To the Jews

but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

Called to It: (Mark 3:13)

Paul was Called By Jesus Christ: (1: Cor 1:1) (Acts 9:6; 15-16)

Called for a Specific Purpose: (Acts 26:16-17)

(Gal 2:9) Paul to the Gentiles: (Rom 15:15-17)

B. Salutation: (Vs 2-3)

(1 Cor 1:4)(Phil 1:3)(Col 1:3)(Jn 1:17)(Jn 6:33)

C. Christ Exalted: (Vs 4-5)

1. He Died for Us: (Vs 4a)

a) He Died for My Sins: (1 Cor 15:3)

b) He Paid the Penalty for My Sins: (Rom 6:23)

c) Bore them as if they were His own: (1 Pet 2:24)

2. He Delivered Us: (Vs 4b)

3. He Did the Will of His Father: (Vs 4c)

a) Proof of the Father's Love for Us: (Jn 3:16)

b) Plan of the Father's Love for Us:

4. He Desires we Glorify Him: (Vs 5)

a) A Song of Praise

(1) He Loves Me

(2) He Saved Me

(3) He Keeps Me

b) He is Worthy of Continual Outpouring of Praise

c) AMEN! says it all. (2 Cor 9:15) *Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*

As Christians We are Set Free in Christ to Serve!

To Preserve our Freedom, we must stay close to the Savior in Prayer.

To Preserve our Freedom, we must stay in His word.

Not Drifting Back into Works for Approval.

Not drifting Away into Worldliness for Fleshly Approval.