

“The Absolute Authority of God’s Message of Good News” Galatians 1:1-5 5/31/20

Galatians Series- Living the Gospel in the Power of the Spirit

Themes of Galatians- The good news (gospel) of Jesus Christ is rooted in His substitutionary death on the cross. This is the only good news and any departure from the simplicity of the death and resurrection of Jesus is a false gospel and brings eternal condemnation. This gospel is rooted in God’s grace, for His glory, and will bring transformation in the life of the believers as they live by faith in the Spirit and not according to the flesh, the Mosaic law, or any other works. Jesus plus nothing!

Background Texts- Acts 13-15; Hab 2:4; Gen 15:6; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38; Galatians was written around 49 AD, just prior to Jerusalem council in Acts 15 where confusion existed about the role of the Mosaic law in the life of the NT believer.

Big Idea- Christians can never waver in their commitment to the message of Jesus’ sufficient death and resurrection. Regardless of the world’s hatred of the message or us, the authority of our gospel is from God Himself.

LESSON 1- The authority of the gospel is rooted in God’s MESSENGER

- A. God’s messenger, Paul, was called to be an APOSTLE
(Acts 9; 1 Cor 9:1-2; 2 Corinthians 12:12; 8:23- apostles of the church)
- B. God’s messenger was given a supernatural COMMISSION
(Gal 1:1- God’s message is still authoritative- John 13:20)
- C. God’s messenger was given authority to all CHURCHES

Going *Our commission and authority to proclaim the gospel is absolute!*
Deeper *(Matthew 10:34-40; John 15:18-23; Matthew 28:18-20)*

LESSON 2- The authority of the gospel is rooted in God’s MESSAGE

- A. God’s message is Jesus’ sufficiency to rescue us from sin and the AGE
(John 10:18; Heb 10:4-14; 2 Tim 3:1-5; Rom 12:1-2; Titus 2:11-13)

Going *God wants us to never compromise or pollute the message of the cross!*
Deeper *(1 Corinthians 1:18)*

LESSON 3- The authority of the gospel is rooted in God’s MOTIVE

- A. The motive was to protect God’s glory against man centered WORKS
(1 Cor 1:26-31; Eph 2:8-9; 1:6, 12, 14; Phil 2:11; Rom 11:36; 16:27)

Going *God will not share His glory with anyone. To depart from the true*
Deeper *gospel is to fall from the gospel of grace (Gal 5:4).*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples