

“The Power and Independence of the Gospel”

Galatians 1:10-24 6/14/20

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

Big Idea- The gospel is rooted in the authority of God Himself and is not bound by tradition, religion, politics, causes, movements. It brings transformation and reconciliation to God and others.

Background Texts- Acts 7:58; 8:1-3; 9:1-22; 22:1-16; 26:12-18; Phil 3:1-9

What would a man-made gospel that pleases people look like?

Psalm 50:21 When you sinned in these things, I was silent, so you thought I was exactly like you. But now I will condemn you and state my case against you!

What does the Biblical gospel look like?

Recognizes that sin is fatal; removes our works; removes our contribution; gives God all credit; demands repentance; difficult road; narrow; we become hated; outcasts; brings division, intensifies enemies; brings transformation through the Spirit, humility and service are among the greatest qualities; success is defined eternally

LESSON 1- The power of the gospel is in its INDEPENDENCE

- A. The gospel given to Paul is not rooted in pleasing MANKIND (Galatians 1:10-12; 16-24; John 12:43; Isaiah 55:8-9)
- B. The gospel given to Paul was rooted in JESUS HIMSELF (1:11-12; It was a gospel of grace, especially to Gentiles)

Going Deeper God wants us to embrace the independence of the Gospel!

LESSON 2- The power of the gospel is in its TRANSFORMATION

- A. The gospel when truly received brings new PURPOSE (Galatians 1:13-15; Jeremiah 1:5; Ephesians 1:4-6)

Going Deeper God wants us to receive His grace with gratitude and change!

Theological Application:

- 1) Zeal and sincerity are not necessary indicators of truth and acceptance by God (2 Samuel 6:6-7). Paul is good example of this.
- 2) The gospel is rooted in Grace (undeserved favor of God). No one is out of God’s reach.

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples