

Correspondence Bible Study

Lesson #41 – Galatians

PRAYER: Precious Savior, You have done the great work of paying for my sins and calling me into the faith. Now enable me to trust only in Your merit and love. Help me not to think too highly of my own actions which make me think of somehow earning Your favor. Daily, allow me to live by the grace and power You have freely given to me. Remind me of my baptism and Your promises. In Your name, Lord, I pray. Amen.

Notes on Galatians: The book is written to the churches in the Galatian region because they had a problem. Christians who had come from the Jewish faith and held that to be a true Christian you must also follow some of the Jewish laws such as circumcision and dietary regulations, were confusing the Galatians. Paul's authority was also being undermined by these people. The letter is mainly Paul's zealous defense of the supreme doctrine of salvation by grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ. He tries to show them that if they follow the advice of these Judaizers it is really a step backwards again into the death-grip of the Law. The freedom of the Gospel is then forfeited. (See 2:16) The book stands as a warning to all so that we don't fall into the trap of relying on works of the Law instead of the releasing power of the Gospel.

Key verse from Galatians:

Questions on Galatians:

1. Throughout the whole letter, Paul is defending himself and his ministry. In 1:1, he says, "sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ our God the Father." As you read through Galatians, pick out 4 other times Paul defends himself and his ministry.
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 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
2. Chapter 1:6, Paul mentions a "different gospel." From the rest of the book, what were some characteristics of this other "gospel?"
3. From chapter 1 and 2, how can we see the Lord took His time before sending Paul out on his missionary journeys?

4. Chapter 2:15-21 has some very clear words on faith. The best you can, put into your own words what it means to have eternal life by faith alone.

5. Chapter 3 - Cite 3 reasons Paul gives why we cannot rely on the law for salvation?
 - 1.

 - 2.

 - 3.

6. Chapter 4:4 – What were some of the religious and historical circumstances that made the time of Jesus’ birth the right time?

7. Chapter 5:22-26 – List the fruit of the Spirit and remark on how each one points others to see Jesus Christ in your life. (Theme verses for Zion’s 2018 – 2019 school year.)
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 - 9.

8. Chapter 6:7 - “Reap what you sow.” This is true in good and bad. Give an example of each.

9. Chapter 6:14 – How can we be like Paul and only boast in the cross?

Your question on Galatians...

Read Ephesians