



EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS



▶ Galatians 1:1-5 – *Recap from last week...*

▶ Paul's Apostleship came from Jesus Christ and not man

▶ Themes of the letter to the Galatian churches

▶ The sacrifice of Christ

▶ We are justified by faith in Christ rather than by the works of the Law of Moses, Galatians 3:23-29

▶ Deliverance from the present world

▶ Through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and set free from the power of evil, Hebrews 2:14-15

▶ The sovereign will of the Father

▶ The death and resurrection of Christ was according to God's will alone, John 3:16, Acts 2:23

- ▶ Galatians 1:6-7 – *Any other message than the one true gospel is a perverted gospel*
 - ▶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him...
 - ▶ Gal 2:21-3:1 – “If righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly”
 - ▶ To a different gospel
 - ▶ An addition to the gospel of salvation by grace through faith
 - ▶ Not authorized – Matt 7:21-24, *the will of the Father is what matters*
 - ▶ Which is not another, and they want to distort the gospel of Christ
 - ▶ They now believe a different gospel and not the true gospel
 - ▶ Eph 4:4-6 – There is one faith, only one true gospel message
 - ▶ 2 Cor 11:13-15 – Disguising themselves as servants of righteousness

▶ Galatians 1:8-10 – *Anyone who preaches a different gospel is accursed*

- ▶ Even if an Angel preaches something different, it is not true
 - ▶ What about modern inspirations?
 - ▶ If its not in the BOOK, then its not the true gospel
 - ▶ Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1; 2 John 9-10
- ▶ Let him be accursed – Matt 15:14, both will fall into the pit
 - ▶ Titus 2:7-8; 1 Timothy 4:12 – Lead by example
- ▶ “Am I seeking the favor of men, or of God?”
 - ▶ Jude 3; 1 Peter 3:15 – Contend earnestly for the faith
- ▶ “If I was pleasing men, I would not be a servant of Christ”
 - ▶ Matthew 6:24 – Cannot serve two masters

▶ Galatians 1:11-16 – *The gospel Paul preached was not from man*

- ▶ Not according to man but by revelation of Jesus Christ
 - ▶ Eph 3:3-6 – The gospel was made known by revelation
- ▶ Paul's zeal for God in his former manner of life
 - ▶ He was advancing in Judaism more than others and had a zeal for his ancestral traditions
- ▶ Christ appeared to Paul to be a witness of his resurrection