



EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS



▶ Galatians 1:1-16 – *Recap from last week...*

- ▶ Paul's Apostleship came from Jesus Christ and not man
- ▶ Christ died for our sins in order to rescue us from this evil age and this is all according to the will of God the Father
- ▶ If anyone preaches a different gospel, let him be accursed
- ▶ The gospel that Paul preached was not from man but from Christ by way of a revelation through Jesus Christ Himself
- ▶ Paul's zeal for God in his former manner of life
- ▶ Christ appeared to Paul to make him a witness of His resurrection

▶ Galatians 1:17-20 – *Paul's apostleship was not from man*

▶ “I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus”

▶ Acts 9:23-31

▶ “Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem”

▶ To be acquainted with Cephas, 15 days

▶ “I did not see any other of the apostles except James”

▶ James the brother of Jesus

▶ “I assure you before God that I am not lying”

- ▶ Galatians 1:21-24 – *Paul's apostleship was not from man*
 - ▶ “I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia”
 - ▶ After 15 days he left Jerusalem cause the Jews were going to kill him
 - ▶ “I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea”
 - ▶ “He who once persecuted us is now preaching *the faith* which he once tried to destroy”
 - ▶ The brethren identified that Paul was preaching the one true gospel of Christ
 - ▶ “And they were glorifying God because of me”

▶ Galatians 2:1-5 – *Paul's visit to Jerusalem regarding circumcision*

- ▶ Fourteen years later...This puts this Jerusalem visit at the end of his first missionary journey (Acts 15)
 - ▶ In Jerusalem, Paul submitted to them the same gospel he was preaching to the Gentiles – Ax 15:4,12
 - ▶ Titus was not demanded to be circumcised by the other apostles
 - ▶ False brethren trying to pervert the gospel of Christ - Ax 15:5
 - ▶ They preached the gospel – 2 Tim 4:2

▶ Galatians 2:6-10 – *Paul's visit to Jerusalem regarding circumcision*

- ▶ These men did not contribute to the knowledge Paul already had, Paul was already preaching the truth
- ▶ They saw that the gospel had been entrusted to Paul just as it had been with Peter
- ▶ Paul's apostolic authority was equal to Peter. He was an apostle of Christ sent to preach the gospel to the Gentiles
- ▶ Pillars - James, Peter and John saw that Paul was called by God to be an apostle
 - ▶ They gave Paul and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship...
- ▶ Remember the poor – Rom 15:26-27; 1 Cor 16:1-3; 2 Cor 8-9