

## THINKING BIBLICALLY

### Galatians 1:1-12

Intro. This is our fourth message in a series on the subject of "Thinking Biblically". This morning we saw that an unbeliever does not have to know anything about the inspiration of Scripture in order to become saved. All he/she has to do is \_\_\_\_\_ what the Scripture states concerning the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and trust Him as his/her personal Savior in order to be saved. However, as we also saw last week, once a person becomes a believer, their attitude toward the authority and inspiration of Scripture will change very \_\_\_\_\_ because the Holy Spirit has moved into the new believer and He begins to teach the new convert about the authority and inspiration of the Scripture. This afternoon we are going to begin to look at the letter written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Galatia. The reason for this letter is that the Believers at Galatia had placed a \_\_\_\_\_ view on the authority of Scriptural teaching and had gone after \_\_\_\_\_.

- I. After establishing his authority, Paul sets their attention on what \_\_\_\_\_ has done in their behalf Vs 3-4
- A. Grace and peace \_\_\_\_\_ God Vs 3
- B. God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
1. God, the Son \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins Vs 4a
  2. According to God, the Father's \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 4b
  3. The purpose of the death of Christ was that the sinner might be \_\_\_\_\_ from the evil world in which he/she lives. Vs 4c
- II. Paul reminds them that all \_\_\_\_\_ goes to God forever. Vs 5
- III. Paul deals with what happens when the believer begins to accept the authority of \_\_\_\_\_ over the authority of \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 6-9
- A. First, Paul is totally shocked and amazed at the actions of the people Vs 6-7
1. They had so quickly, after salvation, chosen to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves from God Vs 6a
    - a. God-The One who had called them \_\_\_\_\_ of their sinfulness
    - b. God-The One who had called them \_\_\_\_\_ His Grace
  2. They had chosen to follow after \_\_\_\_\_ teaching concerning the Gospel
    - a. "Another gospel" as Paul calls it Vs 6b
    - b. "Another gospel" it is not! Vs 7a
      - (1) Another gospel comes from \_\_\_\_\_, not God Vs 7b **there be some**
      - (2) Another gospel brings \_\_\_\_\_ to the believer Vs 7c **there be some that trouble you**
      - (3) Another gospel is only a \_\_\_\_\_ of the one true Gospel Vs 7d **Which is not another; and would pervert the gospel of Christ**
  3. In reality to turn to other teachings that twist and distort the Scriptures (Perversion) is nothing more that \_\_\_\_\_ the authority and inspiration of the Scriptures. (After all, if God spoke the Scriptures, why would one wish to turn to someone or something inferior?)
- B. Second, Paul takes a dramatic stand \_\_\_\_\_ those who pervert the teaching of the Scripture Vs 8-9
1. It does not matter what the \_\_\_\_\_ of the one perverting the Scripture are
    - a. **We**-Paul and those traveling with him
    - b. **An angel from heaven**-someone who seems to have the very authority of God upon them, or who seems to have been sent directly from the Lord

- c. The true test is not \_\_\_\_\_ they are but \_\_\_\_\_ they speak!  
 (1) Are they Biblical in their teaching-what is their \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) Are they \_\_\_\_\_ in what they teach-what is the "chapter and verse" from which they teach what they do?
2. It does not matter how \_\_\_\_\_ what they are teaching may be  
 a. "Another gospel" had drawn them away from the truth, therefore it must have \_\_\_\_\_ convincing  
 b. **Any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you-** Biblical authority and inspiration \_\_\_\_\_ that what is taught from the Scripture be Biblically correct Vs 8b
3. Perversion of the teaching of Scripture provoked Paul to pronounce a " \_\_\_\_\_ " from God upon them Vs 8c-9  
 a. **Accursed-** a thing devoted to God without \_\_\_\_\_ of being redeemed, and if an animal, to be slain; therefore a person or thing doomed to \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. In other words, Paul was saying "let that person be set to the side so that God can \_\_\_\_\_ them"
- IV. Paul reminds the people where their \_\_\_\_\_ lies Vs 10  
 A. **Persuade**-try to convince  
 B. **Men or God**-the fear of man or the fear of God, which one \_\_\_\_\_ in our life when it comes to the governing truth of God's Word  
 C. To be more concerned about the approval and happiness of people over the approval and happiness of God classifies one as a " \_\_\_\_\_ pleaser" not a " \_\_\_\_\_ pleaser"  
 D. **If I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ-**When a believer stops being obedient to the Scripture, he/she stops being the servant of Christ, and becomes the servant of other \_\_\_\_\_
- V. Paul reminds and reassures them that his teaching is not in keeping with man's \_\_\_\_\_ but in keeping with what he had been taught \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord Jesus Christ. Vs 11-12  
 A. **Certify**- solemnly \_\_\_\_\_  
 1. The preacher's/teacher's authority to teach the Scripture must come directly from the \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. That preacher/teacher can only \_\_\_\_\_ to God's leading in his/her teaching of the Scripture  
 3. The hearers can \_\_\_\_\_ that authority by looking at the \_\_\_\_\_ of that which the preacher/teacher presents by "comparing Scripture with Scripture" 1 Cor 2:13\*  
 B. **For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.** Vs 12  
 1. **Revelation of Jesus Christ**-the days of Christ giving the preacher/teacher direct revelation are \_\_\_\_\_. We now have the complete Word of God. 2 Tim 3:16-17; Rev 22:18-19  
 2. The revelation that the present day believer receives is the revelation of the clear teachings of the Scriptures that we have. And that revelation can only come from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit in the heart and mind of the believer. \*1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.