

Preparing for Paul's Message of Freedom Galatians 1-4

Introduction: _____ Living Distorts Gospel Thinking

1. What was Galatians?
2. Who wrote it?
3. Who were the Galatians?
4. Why did they matter so much to Paul?

- a. He had come to them as an _____.
- b. He had become their spiritual _____.

5. What had happened to them?
6. What kind of different gospel was it?

Not a completely different gospel – but a _____ version of the true gospel.

It was a distorted view of Christian _____ that could easily lead toward a false view of salvation itself.

Key word: *orthōpodeō* – to walk in line with the gospel (2:14)

Key verse: 2:20

Key verse: 3:3

Key word: _____ (2:6)

Key word: _____ (2:3, 14)

Three bad fruits of that pressure:

- _____ (2:4)
- _____ (5:15)
- _____

7. How did Paul respond to the distorted gospel?

Faith or works
Christ or me
Blessed or cursed
Freedom or slavery

Spirit or flesh
Promises or performance
Grace or no grace (2:21)
Good news or not good news (1:7)

Two Big Questions About Grace-Filled Living:

1. How do you _____ grace?

- a. By adding any requirements for salvation (2:1-10)

Romans 11:6 *But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.*

- b. By putting on a religious _____ to impress others with our goodness (2:11-14)
- c. By _____ our goodness to others (2:15-16)
- d. By seeking justification through our goodness, rather than receiving it 100% through faith in Christ's death (2:16-21)
- e. By receiving salvation 100% through faith, then continuing as if we'll complete salvation by our own strength (3:1-5)

2. How do you stand firm in grace?

- a. By believing the principles God taught through _____ (3:6-4:7)
 - i. God justified Abraham 100% through faith. (3:6)
 - ii. God will justify anyone who will believe as Abraham did (3:7-9)
 - iii. If we believe we could aid our justification by our own goodness, we will be under God's sentence of death (3:10-12)
 - iv. Justification must be received 100% by faith because Christ took 100% of our sentence of death on the cross (3:13-14)
 - v. The law was added later as a temporary _____ until Christ came - it doesn't change the fact that justification has always been 100% by faith. (3:15-24)
 - vi. If you are Christ's, then you are fully the children of God with all of God's blessings. That promise is for _____. (3:25-4:7)
- b. By refusing to turn back to the _____ of the law (4:8-31)
 - i. You were enslaved to the elementary principles - why would you go back to the slavery of a different type of elementary principles? (4:8-20)
 - ii. Understand the full story of Abraham, Isaac, and Ishmael – and don't go back to the slavery of self-dependence (4:21-31)