

Galatians: Study in Grace

Introduction

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The Greeting of an amazed Apostle

- The opening expressed: (1-10)
 - The work of God and Christ to deliver us
 - The Will of God in calling His apostles
 - The amazement of Paul in their deserting of Christ
 - The “different gospel”, which was no “good-news”
 - The reality of those who will “distort” the gospel
 - Paul’s call to make such “preachers” accursed...
 - The seeking of favor is not an issue to true followers
 - The heart is key – bond-servant of Christ!

The Gospel preached... (11-12)

- It was preached by Paul (*euaggelion, euaggelizo*)
- But it was not according to man
 - Not in origin nor in source...
 - Not received from man...
 - Man would never have put this together!
 - Thru revelation in Christ Himself
 - *apokalupsis* - to lay bare, disclosure of truth, instruct
 - Paul did not rely of his training, but rather used it
 - And that brings the second attack of the deception
 - Attack the man!

Paul's former life (13,14)

- His life had led to religious fervor (Acts 7-9)
 - persecute (*dioko*) to make run, flee, drive away
 - *hyperbole* – to excess, exceeding
 - *portheo* – to destroy, overthrow (Acts 9:21)
 - This weighed on Paul (1Co 15:9; Phil 3:6; 1Ti 1:13)
 - Advancing in Judaism (Phil 3:4-6) religious tradition
 - Beyond others of his age/training
 - *zelotes* for traditions of men... Why is this so easy?
- The ways of man...
 - Always about “doing”, and taking away from “being”
 - Religion is easy to be zealous about... self-serving!

The great difference in Paul (15-17)

- God's good pleasure, *eudokeo* – well-pleased
 - Set apart – as a boundary, Pharisees did this also!
 - God has “plans” for us! From the womb (Jer 1:5-10)
 - Called by grace... do we respond?
- reveal His Son in me (see Col 1:27)
 - *apokalypto* – uncover, lay open, make bare
 - God reveals Himself to us, so He may reveal Himself through us!
 - Are we examples of God-breathed people?
- Paul does not seek man's gospel, but seeks God
 - Not against learning, just content!

Early years of Paul (estimated)

33-34 Conversion on the way to Damascus (Acts 9)

35-47 Silent years that are hinted at

1. time in Arabia & Damascus
2. first visit to Jerusalem
3. back to Tarsus
4. found by Barnabas, offering (Acts 11, 12)
5. 2nd visit to Jerusalem
6. went to Antioch, ministered w/Barnabas

47-48 FMJ – w/Barnabas and Mark (Galatians?)

49 Jerusalem Council (Acts 15 & Galatians 2:1)