

# Galatians: Study in Grace

Biography continues

# Outline:

- Intro 1:1-5
- Message and Messenger 1:6-2:21 (Biography)
  - The Message 1:6-12
  - The Messenger 1:13-2:21
    - Paul's former life 1:13,14
    - Paul set apart 1:15-17
    - Paul's training 1:18-24
    - Paul's learning 2:1-10
    - Paul's stand 2:11-14
    - Paul's cry 2:15-21
- Choices by Faith 3:1-5:1 (Theology)
- New Life and Walk 5:2-6:10 (Practice)
- Closing 6:11-18

# The Message so far:

- Paul's blessing to them
- Paul's astonishment at their deserting Christ
- Paul's reminder as to:
  - The Gospel's source; His own training
  - The Revelation of the Gospel
  - The curse to any who proclaim something else
  - One who persecuted now proclaims!
  - Paul's contact with the Apostles – circumcision issue
  - Note about titles or reputation... truth!
  - Same “energy” in Peter and Paul for ministry
  - Issue is resolved... another is ready to be confronted...

# Another confrontation

- This is not in Acts... between Acts 12 and 15?
  - Cephas (Peter) and James come to Antioch (not ch 13)
  - Opposed (*anthistemi* – to oppose, resist, set against)
  - Condemned (*kataginosko* – “with knowing”)
  - This was Peter! The rock???
  - Eats with Gentiles, then refuses to? Is this HS???
  - Jews and Barnabas get caught up in it...
  - Talk about peer pressure! Just hypocrisy...
  - But Paul – saw they did not *orthopodeo* – walk uprightly concerning the Gospel... not opinions here!
  - The real issue was that they were all SINNERS!!! (15)

## vs.16 - Cry of Truth

- Knowing (*oida* – realization knowledge)
  - Man is not justified (*dikaioo*, made free, righteous)
  - Works of the Law vs. faith in Christ (Ro 7)
  - We have believed so we might be justified
  - This is the only way to receive justification
  - Faith in a person, not ritual, rule, religion
- We have believed (aorist active) –
  - Does not matter who you are... all come the same way
  - Peter makes the same point at the Council, Ac 15:10
- Justification in 2 senses: same for Jew and Gentile
  - Declared by Christ, thru faith alone
  - Lived in by way of response to the work of the cross

# Works of the Law (16-18)

- The works of the Law cannot justify anyone!
  - Rules/laws for driving do NOT make safe drivers!!!
  - Law can only judge what was wrong, not enable right
  - Ro 8:3-4 – what the Law could not do... God did!
- Judaizer falsehood – Jesus makes us sin!???
  - Because He “broke down” the Law
  - Made it unnecessary to follow it... did He???
  - Paul says the opposite is true!
  - We find our sin when we stand in His holiness!
  - Religion lies to us by telling us we are “good”!
  - We therefore PROVE ourselves sinners
  - If we live by law, we cannot embrace grace...