

Galatians: Study in Grace

Biography continues

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- 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 cry 2:15-21
 - Not Law but FAITH (15-19)
 - The Cross and Grace (20-21)
- Choices by Faith 3:1-5:1 (Theology)
 - Spirit of the Flesh 3:1-5
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 - More to come...
- 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; curse if your "different"
 - Paul's contact with the Apostles – circumcision issue
 - Same "energy" in Peter and Paul for ministry
 - "Separation" issue dealt with - hypocrisy
 - No one is justified by any kind of "LAW" – Faith in...
 - So what does the Law do???

What law does best... (19)

- KILLS US!
 - Death comes thru the Law... A&E and ever since...
 - Through the Law we do **ONE thing**... die!
 - But if we die to the law, we can then live to GOD!!!
 - This was impossible before, Law never gives life!!!
 - “through the Law I died” (aorist act. ind.) Ro 7:4-6
 - If we live by law, we **cannot** embrace grace...
- Live to God (aorist act. subj.)
 - indicative=statement of fact; subjunctive=possibility
 - If we die, we can finally live! Up to us... but we can!
 - Not live in ourselves, but live **TO** God... (Jn 15)

The Answer... CRUCIFIED? (20)

- The question is: “Is this a bad thing???”
 - I have been crucified (perfect passive) Rom 6:6
 - Ga 5:24; 6:14; Ro 6:8; Col 2:20; Ro 6:4; Col 2:12
- I live because CHRIST LIVES IN ME
 - In what way do we have Jesus living in us?
 - Phil 2:5ff; Ro 6:11-13; 2Co 12:9; Jn 17:21ff
 - Christ lives in me! A shout of promise and victory!
 - Life that I live? By faith in the Son of God, not law
 - Loved us then and now and always! (aor. active)
 - delivered me (aorist active) *paradidōmi*, bring forth
 - We recognize and accept the need for His gift for us...

Results: (21)

- We do not nullify (*athetō*) set aside, disregard to thwart the efficacy of anything, nullify
 - It is scary that we have the power to do this!!!
 - IF rightness came from law, which it doesn't...
 - ...then Christ died *dōrean*, uselessly, in vain...
 - Why would He suffer for what we could accomplish?
 - He died, because it was **THE ONLY WAY!**
 - We trust God for His grace and love
 - We trust in Jesus for His work in our lives...
 - On the cross and IN US everyday...
 - Are we nullifying His work? Or working with it?

How do we live? We live in the...

- The beginning of the theology section
 - Begins with a potent rebuke! foolish! *anoētos*
 - If we love each other, correction from error...
 - Would we allow a friend to be deceived?
 - bewitched – *baskainō*, 1x; fascinate to falsehood, spell
- Before your eyes JC publicly portrayed as crucified
 - Paul had spent his time focusing on this (Dt 32:6)
 - *prographō* - to placard, to post up – they were taught!
 - Those who will “spell” us, always around...
 - Who can we count on to call us back to the cross?
 - If this is not our focus, what is?