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GALATIANS

The Epistle to the Galatians was written from Corinth by the Apostle Paul to a group of churches in Galatia, approximately 49 or 53 A.D. Galatia was located in the center of what is now Asia Minor. It included the cities of Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra and Derbe. Paul, during his missionary travels, preached in Galatia and many of the churches were established there as a result of his ministry.

This epistle was written to deal with a false doctrine that was springing up within the churches due to the teachings of some legalistic- minded Judaizers. This error, called Galatianism, teaches that we are saved by grace, but after that we are kept by the works of the law. This makes our ultimate salvation dependent upon our works instead of the grace of God. This error came about because some of the Jewish Christians could not break away from the bondage of the law (circumcision, keeping certain days, etc.), and they tried to bring the Gentile Christians under this same bondage. They succeeded so well that Paul had to write this epistle, the theme of which is salvation by grace, through faith--plus nothing.

Let us be careful to remember in our own life that we are not only saved by grace (totally a work of God), but that we are kept by grace (still totally a work of God).

The key word of this epistle is **GRACE**.

CHAPTER 1 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Paul opened the first chapter with a greeting, then stated the reason for the epistle, and finished by defending his apostolic ministry. This ministry was questioned by many Jews since Paul frequently ministered to the Gentiles and was very zealous in his preaching of grace without the works of the law. The legalistic Judaizers found this difficult to accept because they wanted to mingle the law with grace.

1. By whose authority was Paul an apostle? v. 1 _____
2. To whom was this letter written? v. 2 _____
3. Why did Jesus give Himself for our sins? v. 4 _____
4. To whom should glory be given and for how long? vv. 4,5 _____
5. What was the purpose of some who came into the church? v. 7 _____

These ones were not necessarily denying the gospel but were twisting or distorting it by adding to the grace of God. Grace is unmerited favor or award given freely by God. There is no law that we can keep or work that we can do that will justify us in the sight of God.

6. What warning was given to those who would preach any other gospel? vv. 8,9 _____

7. How did Paul receive the gospel that he preached? v. 12 _____
8. What was Paul's attitude concerning the church before his conversion? v. 13 _____

9. Verse 15 says that God separated Paul and called him by his grace. What was the purpose of this calling? v. 16 _____

10. How long after this did Paul go to Jerusalem, and whom did he see? v. 18 _____
11. What other apostle did Paul see at this time? v. 19 _____

12. What had the churches of Judea heard concerning Paul? v. 23 _____

CHAPTER 2 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

This chapter tells of the church council at Jerusalem and of the rebuke that Paul gave to Peter because of his inconsistency concerning the law and grace. It also discusses the fact that the believer is dead **through** the law **to** the law.

1. Where and with whom did Paul go 14 years later? v. 1 _____

2. What did Paul communicate privately, and why? v. 2 _____

Paul first had a private meeting with the leaders so that they (the leadership) would present a united front before any critics. As we see in the following verses, Paul's ministry was accepted and

fellowship given.

3. Why did the false brethren come in? v. 4 _____

The liberty that Paul speaks of in this verse describes the condition of the Christian in contrast with those under Jewish law.

4. What was committed to Paul? v. 7 _____

To Peter? _____

5. Who gave the right hand of fellowship to Paul, and for what reason? v. 9 _____

6. What happened at Antioch? v. 11 _____

7. In what way was Peter inconsistent because of fear? v. 12 _____

Peter was placing himself under the law when with the Jews and under grace when with the Gentiles. He not only erred himself, but caused others to be drawn away also. Likewise, we also may cause people to stray when we do not live a consistent life.

8. Who else was affected by Peter's actions? v. 13 _____

9. For what reason did Paul rebuke Peter? v. 14 _____

10. In verse 16 it says that a man is not justified by _____
but by _____

11. Why are we dead to the law, through the law? v. 19 _____

12. Christ lives within us when we are _____ v. 20
Read Romans 6:8 also.

Verse 20 is one of the best known scriptures concerning our entering into Christ's death in order that we might partake of His resurrection life. Memorize Galatians 2:20 and write it in the space provided at the end of this study on page 10.

13. What would the result be if righteousness came by the law? v. 21 _____

CHAPTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

In the first five verses Paul questions the Galatians concerning their fall from grace. He is amazed that after such a glorious beginning in the Spirit they could think it possible to perfect themselves through the law. Read these five verses again.

The rest of the chapter deals with Abraham's covenant with God and explains the purpose of the law and its relation to the believer.

1. What was the result when Abraham believed God? v. 6 & Genesis 15:6 _____

2. Who are the children of Abraham? v. 7 _____
3. What promise was given to Abraham? v. 8 & Genesis 12:3 _____
4. Verse 9 says they who are of faith are _____

In the above verses we see that the covenant between God and Abraham was one of faith, not of law.

5. What is written concerning those who are of the works of the law? v. 10 & Deuteronomy 27:26

6. Why is no one justified by the law? v. 11 & Habakkuk 2:4 _____

This is the well-known portion of scripture that changed the life of Martin Luther, and in so doing, changed even the course of church history. It gave back the freedom and liberty in Christ and broke the

yoke of bondage that had gripped the church for so long. Please memorize Galatians 3:11 and write it in the space provided on page 10.

7. From what has Christ redeemed us? v. 13 _____

8. Why did God allow Christ to become a curse for us? v. 14 _____

9. Who is the seed of Abraham? v. 16 _____

10. How long after the covenant of Abraham was the law given? v. 17 _____

The law of Moses did not annul God's covenant of faith with Abraham, but it was necessary for a period of time in order that transgression or sin might be revealed. This in turn prepared the way for Christ since none could keep the law and all were guilty of transgression. The law was, in fact, a school-master leading us to Christ our Savior.

11. Why was the law added? v. 19 _____

For how long? _____

12. What is our position until we believe? v. 22 _____

13. What was the purpose of the law? v. 24 _____

14. Verse 27 says that those who have been baptized into Christ have _____

To "**put on**" in this verse means "**to clothe one's self with.**"

15. Why is there no division or segregation in Christ? v. 28 _____

CHAPTER 4 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The same general theme is continued in this chapter with Paul telling of the law and the believer's place in God. Paul relates the story of Isaac and Ishmael as an allegory. This is a story from the Old Testament used to express a spiritual truth on the difference between law and grace.

1. During what period is the heir the same as a servant? v. 1 _____

2. How long is he under tutors and governors? v. 2 _____

3. What happened when the fullness of time came? v. 4 _____
This scripture, in speaking of a woman, refers to the first promise of a Savior in Genesis 3:15.
4. Verse 7 says that if you are a son, then you are also _____
5. How does Paul know that the Galatians are once more under bondage? v. 10 _____

6. What was Paul's condition when he first preached to the Galatians? v. 13 _____

7. How was he received? v. 14 _____
8. What does Paul say in describing the love of the Galatians for him? v. 15 _____

9. For what reason was Paul in travail? v. 19 _____
10. Abraham had two sons. One was by a _____
and one was by a _____. v. 22
11. In verse 23, the child of the bondwoman was _____
The child of the freewoman was _____

This is typical of our own position. First we are born after the flesh and are in bondage. When we believe in Jesus, we are born of the Spirit and walk in liberty in Christ Jesus.

12. Of what are these things representative? v. 24 _____
These are the covenant of the law and the covenant of grace.
13. Who was the child of promise? v. 28 _____

14. Who was persecuted by whom? v. 29 _____

15. Why does the scripture say to cast out the bondwoman and her son? v. 30 _____

16. Of whom are we children? v. 31 _____

CHAPTER 5 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

First Paul gives a general exhortation and then tells of the victory over sin that is given by the Spirit. Finally, he presents the fact that Christian character is produced by the Holy Spirit and not by our own effort.

1. In verse 1 Paul tells the Galatians not to go into bondage again, but rather to _____

2. If you are going to depend upon the law in even one point, what is your position? v. 3

3. Verse 4 says that if you are justified by the law, Christ has become of no effect because _____

There is only one way to be justified. This is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. If we try to justify ourselves by our own righteousness or goodness, then Christ will profit us nothing because we are no longer living under grace but under law or works.

4. What do we wait for through the Spirit? _____

5. What is it that will profit us in Jesus Christ? v. 6 _____

6. What does Paul say, to illustrate what happens when false teaching begins to enter? v. 9 _____

7. What confidence does Paul have in the Galatians? v. 10 _____

Paul wants them to be of the same mind as himself and to live by the truth and the liberty of the gospel.

8. Verse 13 says not to use liberty for _____
but _____

9. In what is the law fulfilled? v. 14 _____

10. In what way is it possible to overcome the lust of the flesh? v. 16 _____

The first portion of this scripture, when really applied in the life of a believer, is the secret to a victorious life. Memorize Galatians 5:16 and write it in the space provided on page 10.

11. What two things are contrary one to another? v. 17 _____

12. You are not under the law if _____

13. List eight works of the flesh. vv. 19-21

a. _____ b. _____

c. _____ d. _____

e. _____ f. _____

g. _____ h. _____

14. What is the end result if you do these things? v. 21 _____

15. List the fruit of the Spirit. vv. 22,23 a. _____

b. _____ c. _____

d. _____ e. _____

(Please continue answer on next page)

f. _____ g. _____

h. _____ i. _____

This fruit is not something that we can produce ourselves, but as we abide in Christ, the Holy Spirit produces the fruit in our life. Read John 15:1-5.

16. If we live in the Spirit, what should we also do? v. 25 _____

CHAPTER 6 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

In the first part of this chapter Paul writes concerning the duties of Christians one to another. Then, once again, he warns them against false teachers and concludes with a benediction upon the Galatians.

1. What should those who are spiritual do if a man be overtaken in a fault? v. 1 _____

2. What is one way of fulfilling the law of Christ? v. 2 _____

3. How can a man deceive himself? v. 3 _____

4. In what way may a man have rejoicing in himself? v. 4 _____

5. What is the duty of the one that is taught in the word? v. 6 _____

6. What is it that a man will reap? v. 7 _____

7. How do you reap corruption? v. 8 _____

What do you reap if you sow to the Spirit? _____

Right now is seedtime and each person is planting seeds, either to the flesh or to the spirit. When the end time comes we are going to reap a harvest, either eternal life or eternal separation from God.

8. Why are we admonished not to be weary in well doing? v. 9 _____

9. To whom are we to do good? v. 10 _____

10. Why did these false teachers constrain the Galatians to be circumcised? v. 12 _____

As you read verse 13, you will see that these false teachers were very zealous for the Gentiles to keep the law, but they themselves did not even keep it. They wanted to glory in the flesh, a contrast to Paul who would only glory in the cross of Jesus (v. 14).

11. In verse 14, what is the result of the cross in Paul's life and also the life of any believer?

12. In Christ neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything but: (v.15) _____

The issue is not if we keep the law, do good works, or belong to a certain denomination; but the real issue is whether we have been born again and have become a new creature in Christ.

13. On whom did Paul ask peace and mercy? v. 16 _____

14. What did Paul bear in his body? v. 17 _____

MEMORY VERSES:

Galatians 2:20 _____

Galatians 3:11 _____

Galatians 5:16 _____

The Epistle to the Galatians is a wonderful work on the liberty and freedom that a Christian has through the grace of God. This liberty and freedom enable us to worship and serve God through a desire that springs from the heart, rather than through force or outer constraint (the law).

Let us remember that there is only one way to be justified. This is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

I have answered all questions and completed all memory work to the best of my ability.

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____