

# GALATIANS

## PERSONAL - GRACE AND THE GOSPEL

### I Grace declared in Paul's Message Chapter 1:1-10

#### A. Grace--'God's favor to undeserving sinners'

1. Saved by Grace and live by Grace I Cor. 15:10
2. Stand in Grace; it is the foundation Rom 5:1-2
3. Grace gives us the strength-victorious soldiers II Tim 2:1-4
4. Grace enables us to suffer without complaining II Cor.12:1-10

#### B. False teachers are spreading a false gospel

1. Explains his authority Chapter 1:1-5, Acts 1:1-18; I Cor.9:1  
Apostleship by divine appointment not human selection
  - a. His ministry verses 1-2
  - b. His message verses 3-4
  - c. His motive verse 5
2. Expresses His Anxiety Chapter 1:6-7
  - a. Deserting the Grace of God
  - b. 'Perverting' the Gospel – different message
  - c. Abandoning liberty for legalism-bondage
  - d. Galatians were troubled, perplexed, confused, unrest
3. Exposes His Adversaries Chapter 1:8-10

DO NOT change, amend, distort, or add to the gospel.  
KNOW that severe judgement awaits those who do.

- a. Judaizers: Identified by the false gospel they preached
- b. Judaizers: Identified by false motives they practiced

### II Grace demonstrated in Paul's Life Chapter 1:11-24

Nonconformity: God revealed Himself in a different way to Paul

#### A. The Persecutor Chapter 1:13-14

Acts 9; 22; and 26

1. Historical flashback: his relationship to the church verse 13  
relationship to the religion of the Jews verse 14

#### B. The Believer Chapter 1:15-16b, 24

1. God did it Verses 15a, 16a
2. God did it by Grace Verse 15b
3. God did it through Christ Verse 16a
4. God did it for the sake of others Verse 16b
5. God did it for His Glory Verse 24

C. The Preacher Chapter 1:16c-23

1. He went to Arabia – met with the Lord alone Verse 17b
2. He went back to Damascus Verse 17c
3. He finally visited Jerusalem Verses 18-20
4. He returned home to Tarsus Verses 21-23

III Grace defended in Paul's ministry Chapter 2:1-21

A. Before the church collectively Chapter 2:1-2

1. The Private Consultation Chapter 2:1-2
2. The Public Convocation Chapter 2:3-5
3. The Personal Confirmation Chapter 2:6-10

B. Before Peter personally Chapter 2:11-21 confrontation

1. Peter's Relapse Chapter 2:11-13
2. Paul's Rebuke Chapter 2:14-21
  - a. The Unity of the Church Chapter 2:14 Acts 15:9
  - b. Justification by Faith Chapter 2:15-16
  - c. Freedom from the Law Chapter 2:17-18
  - d. The very Gospel itself Chapter 2:19-20,
  - e. The Grace of God Chapter 2:21

*The Law says DO-Grace says DONE*

Justification is the act of God whereby He declares the believing sinner righteous in  
Jesus Christ

UNDERSTAND that justification through observing laws or codes is impossible.  
RECEIVE God's gift of justification through faith.

**DOCTRINAL – GRACE AND THE LAW**

I The personal argument Chapter 3:1-5

A. They saw God the Son Chapter 3:1

B. They Received God the Holy Spirit Chapter 3:2-3

C. They Experienced Miracles from God the Father Chapter 3:5

II The scriptural argument Chapter 3:6-14

Paul balances the subjective experience of the Galatians with the  
objective teaching of the unchanging Word of God

A. Abraham was saved by Faith Chapter 3:6-7

B. Salvation is for the Gentiles Chapter 3:8-9

C. Salvation is by Faith not Law Chapter 3:10-12

D. Salvation comes Through Christ Chapter 3:13-14

III The logical argument Chapter 3:15-29

Our faith is a logical faith and can be defended on rational grounds

A. The Law Cannot Change the Promise Chapter 3:15-18

B. The Law is Not Greater Than the Promise Chapter 3:19-20

C. The Law is Not Contrary to the Promise Chapter 3:21-26

D. The Law Cannot Do What the Promise Can Do Chapter 3:27-29

IV The historical argument Chapter 4:1-11

A. He explains Their Adoption Chapter 4:1-7

Enter into God's family by 'regeneration,' (born again) but we 'enjoy'  
God's family by 'adoption.' John 3:3

1. What we were: children in bondage Chapter 4:1-3

2. What God did: redeemed us Chapter 4:4-5

3. What we are: sons and heirs Chapter 4:6-7 (I Peter 1:1-5)

C. He laments Their Regression Chapter 4:8-11

V The sentimental argument Chapter 4:12-18

A. He seeks Their Affection Chapter 4:12-18

VI The allegorical argument Chapter 4:19-31

A. The Historical Facts Chapter 4:19-23

B. The Spiritual Truths Chapter 4:24-29

The Old Covenant

The New Covenant

Law

Grace

Hagar the slave

Sarah, the free-woman

Ishnael, conceived after  
the flesh

Isaac, conceived  
miraculously

Earthly Jerusalem in  
bondage

Heavenly Jerusalem, which is  
free

1. Isaac –the believer – Spirit

2. Hagar – bondage - Flesh

C. The Practical Blessings Chapter 4:30-31

The law and the old nature (Hagar and Ishmael) want to bring the  
Child of promise into bondage – what's the solution?

Israel  
Earthly Jerusalem  
Bondage  
Barren legalism

Church  
Heavenly Jerusalem  
Freedom  
Fruitful grace

*When you invite Hagar and Ishmael (flesh and legalism) to live with Sarah and Isaac (liberty and spirit), you are inviting trouble and error.*

*To live by grace, through faith, gives one a free and fulfilling Christian life.*

## PRACTICAL – GRACE AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

### I Liberty, not bondage Chapter 5:1-12

The Christian who lives by faith will experience the ‘inner discipline’ of God that is far better than the ‘outer discipline’ of man-made rules.

- A. The Slave – You lose your liberty Chapter 5:1
- B. The Debtor – You lose your wealth Chapter 5:2-6
  - 1. Believer living under the law becomes a bankrupt slave
- C. The Runner – You lose your direction Chapter 5:7-12
  - 1. We run because we are already saved and want to fulfill God’s will in our lives. Phil 3:12-21; Acts 20:24

### II The Spirit, not the flesh Chapter 5:13-26

- A. The Spirit Enables us to Fulfill the Law of Love Chapter 5:13-15
  - 1. Between license and legalism is true Christian liberty
    - a. Liberty + love = service to others
    - a. Liberty – love = license (slavery to sin)
- B. The Spirit Enables us to Overcome the Flesh Chapter 5:16-21, 24
  - 1. The conflict Chapter 5:16-17
  - 2. The conquest Chapter 5:18
  - 3. The Crucifixion Chapter 5:19-21, 24
    - Flesh is able to manufacture sin but it can never produce righteousness of God Jer. 17:9
    - a. The Sensual sins Chapter 5:19, 21b
    - b. The Superstitious sins Chapter 5:20a
    - c. The Social sins Chapter 5:20b-21a
- C. The Spirit enables us to Produce Fruit Chapter 5:22-23, 25-26
  - 1. The flesh produces ‘dead works’ but the Spirit ‘living fruit’

III Others, not self Chapter 6:1-10

- A. Love one another (Key Phrase)
- B. Pray one for another James 5:16
- C. Edify one another 1 Thess 5:11
- D. Prefer one another Rom 12:10
- E. Use hospitality one to another I Peter 4:9
- F. Bearing Burdens 6:1-5
- G. Sharing Blessings Chapter 6:6-10
  - 1. Mark of Christian experience-fellowship (koinonia) Acts 2:41-47
  - 2. What we do with material things is an evidence of how we value spiritual things Matt. 6:21
  - 3. Getting weary in the work of the Lord and fainting...stopping our ministry
  - 4. In the spirit of Christian love return good for evil.

**DO NOT ALLOW** others to remain captive to sin  
**BE READY** to do what is needed to restore the brother who is in sin.  
**BEHAVE GENTLY** without haughtiness, being aware of temptation.

IV God's glory, not man's praise Chapter 6:11-18

- A. Motive-why are we doing it?
- B. A good work is spoiled by bad motive.
  - 1. The legalist Chapter 6:12-13
    - a. They are braggarts 6:12a, 13b
    - b. They are compromisers 6:12b
    - c. They are persuaders 6:12a
    - d. They are hypocrites 6:13
  - 2. Jesus Christ Chapter 6:14-16  
The wounds of the cross means liberty to those who will trust Him.
    - a. Paul knew the person on the cross
    - b. Paul knew the power of the cross
    - c. Paul knew the purpose of the cross
  - 3. The Apostle Paul Chapter 6:17-18
    - a. Endured suffering in the service of Jesus Christ

**REMEMBER** the "law of sowing and reaping" applies to everyone.

**SOW** only those things you desire to reap. God guarantees that harvest will come.

**DO GOOD** to others when you have opportunity-especially to family of God.

***THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!!!***

*No more need be said, because that says it all.*