

Galatians #2 – Defending the Gospel

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Galatians 1:6-9

- Galatians has been called the Charter of Christian Liberty.
- The words “The just will live by faith” led to the conversion of Martin Luther.

Background

- Pauls’ first message recorded as preached to the Galatians is summarized in Acts 13:38-39.
 - o Forgiveness of sins is through Jesus
 - o Justification is not by the law of Moses
- Paul’s greatest human enemies were the Jews.
- Paul’s most subtle enemies were the Judaizers (Christian Jews).
- The Jerusalem Council was a huge watershed event (Acts 15)
- The key question is “What is the Gospel?”

The Text 1:6-9

- Allos → different but the same kind
- Heteros → totally different

Illustration of the difference

- Paul’s intense concern was some were perverting the gospel which was no gospel (good news) at all.

The GOSPEL is NOT

1. Based on how good you are
2. One of many ways to eternal life and heaven
- 3.
- 4.

Samaritan’s Purse shoebox gave out a pamphlet called “The Greatest Gift”.

Descriptors of the Gospel

i) Jesus John 3:3, 14-18, 36

- Born Again
- Not rejecting Jesus’ Gift

ii) John 1 John 5:11-12

- He who has the Son has Life.

iii) Paul

a) 1 Corinthians 15:1-10

- Christ died for our sins.
- He was seen in His Resurrection Body.
- The key to the gospel is the grace of God.

b) Titus 3:3-7

- The kindness and love of God.
- The washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit.
- Justified by grace.

c) Ephesians 2:8-10

- Salvation is...a gift, not a wage earned
- God will work out His plan through us.

d) Galatians 1:4; 2:20-21; 5:16, 22-26

- We need to be rescued.
- We need to be crucified with Christ.
- We are to live by and keep in step with the Spirit

Summary

God has done everything necessary to pay for our sin and to empower us to live a life as His workmanship.

A works righteousness will never give peace in your heart or assurance of eternal life and a future in heaven.