

BIBLE / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Galatians 1:1-2. An apostle is “one who is sent” as a representative. Who sent Paul? Who did not send him? Why do you think he states this at the beginning of his letter? Why does Paul mention that this letter is also sent from “all the brothers” who are with him?
2. Read Galatians 1:3-4. Paul wants the Galatians to experience peace and grace. Who can give them this gift? What made this possible? Who should get the credit for such a gift? Why?
3. Read Galatians 1:5-7. What astonished Paul? What were the people turning to? How wise was this decision? Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, this states the heart of the gospel that Paul preached and getting ready to defend throughout this letter to the Galatians. (Note: The word “gospel” means “good news.”)
4. Read Galatians 1:8-9. What did Paul desire for those who were preaching a different gospel than the Galatians had already received? Why do you think he is so passionate to ensure that the good news about Jesus is not distorted? Do you share such a desire?

LIFE QUESTIONS

5. On a scale of 1-10, how confident are you that you know what the gospel is? If someone asked you “What exactly is the gospel?” what would you tell them? What does grace have to do with it?
6. Do you think it really matters if you have a clear understanding of the gospel? In other words, how important is it that you understand the person and work of Jesus as described in the Bible?
7. How deeply do you dig into the Bible and do the “hard work” of understanding theology and doctrine? Why? What are the greatest barriers to such a rigorous study of the Bible?
8. How thoroughly do you plan to study through the book of Galatians across this next several months?
9. Pray for each other that we will all cling to “the one who called (us) by the grace of Christ.

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WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? JESUS + NOTHING

gospel *n*: good news

Galatia: an area in modern Turkey. Galatia, an ancient region of Asia Minor, was named for the immigrant Gauls from modern day France, who settled here and became its ruling caste in the 3rd century BC. It has been called the “Gallia” of the East, Roman writers calling its inhabitants Galli.

The one article of faith that I have most at heart is the faith of Christ. All my studies in divinity, by day and night, continually go back and forth from him, by him, and to him. -Martin Luther, Commentary on Galatians, Preface. c. 1531

