



Galatians 1:1-10

Greetings and Gospel Perversion

What's happening in this book?

- Galatians are being led astray
- Paul is writing to correct some of the lies being told about him and to reaffirm the gospel as it was preached to them initially.
- Paul is reminding the Galatian churches that man is justified by faith, not works.

Compare Paul's greetings in this book to some of his other letters addresses to churches in a specific area (i.e. Romans, Corinthians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians)

- Gives his name in order to claim authenticity
- Calls himself an apostle, even if the Judaizers were reminding the Galatians about what had been done in Jerusalem (Acts 1:21) to choose a "real" apostle.
- Apostle - one sent

- "Not sent from men, nor through the agency of man"
- Acts 2:2,4 - Holy Spirit.
- Acts 26:14-18 - called by Jesus Himself

Salutation

- Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen. (Galatians 1:3-5 NASB)
- Grace and peace from those who ordained Paul's apostleship

- Were Judaizers slandering the enormity of Christ's death?
Downplaying faith with "works of the law?"
- Deliver - freedom

"According to the will of our God and Father"

- Romans 8:28
- Revelations 13:8

"To whom be the glory
forever more. Amen."

- What the Galatians were turning from was glorious. What they were turning to was not
- Forevermore - *aio*
- Amen - *ame*

Occasion of the Epistle

- Paul is *thaumazo* - amazed
- Disappointment, astonishment, rebuke, surprise, indignation, irritation.
- Quickly *metatithestai*
- Deserter, turncoat, apostate

"A different Gospel"

- *Eis heteron euangelion.*
- Not only another, but different.
- The message they were hearing from the Judaizing preachers is *heteros*.
- **Which is really not *allos* - not another of the same!**

Troublemakers

- Who are they?
- What is their purpose?
- Are they of Christ?
- *Metastrepho* - reverse, turn about, corrupt

Divine judgement pronounced

- Hell should be the reward for corruption of the gospel.
- An angel from heaven - accursed, if he corrupt the message
- Contrary - *para* - in addition to, contrary to

Lest the Galatians fail to grasp the seriousness of the matter...

- Paul reminds them of their initial teaching.
- 'Contrary to that which we preached to you' vs. 'Contrary to that which you **received**'
- Why the change in verbiage?
- Again the curse. The eternal destiny of man is at stake.

Paul's passion to please God

- It appears the Judaizers had slandered Paul
- Curses do not please men.
- But refuting lies, even in the face of persecution, pleases God
- Where would Paul be if he were trying to please men? (Knowing his past)

Exercise of Christian Liberality

- Galatians 2:3-5
- Acts 16:3
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Next week

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