

Galatians

Week 1-- **RESCUED**

Your assignment:

1. Read Galatians once a week (6 chapters).
2. Take the notes each week and review them as you read.
3. Be open to God completely shifting your relationship with Him.
4. Text any questions to 440.557.2822.

Read Galatians 1:1-5 with these notes.

Today's BIG idea: **Your Sin Is Worse Than You Believe But God's Grace Is Better Than You Deserve.**

How do we know for sure that the gospel we believe is actually true?

What do you think? _____

2 Things you will learn from a study of Galatians.

1. The Cross of Jesus Christ is the only way a person can get right with God.
2. Christian freedom is not the right to do as I wish, but the power to do as I should.

The Work of Jesus On the Cross Is Enough

(Galatians 1:4)

Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue (everybody say "rescue") us from this evil world in which we live.

What does Isaiah 64:6 tell us about our righteous efforts to be a good Christian?

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.

Deception Is Always Present

(Galatians 1:6-7)

I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ.

- The gospel of Jesus Christ says to be saved you must **BELIEVE**.
- The false teachers says to be saved you must **BELIEVE** and **BEHAVE**.

God's Grace Captured Us

(Galatians 1:15)

But God in his grace chose me even before I was born, and called me to serve him.

What is Grace? Grace is ...**“God at work in us helping us to be all that He has called us to be”**...in other words one could not accomplish God’s plans without GRACE.

(1 Timothy 1:12-14)

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.

- Paul was a strong advocate of **GRACE**. He mentions **GRACE** 84x in letters and narratives.

(1 Corinthians 15:10)

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

In life, you are going to be tempted to feel like you have earned God’s love or do something that makes us deserve what Jesus went through on the cross. The truth is God’s love is...Unconditional and our salvation is free.

We were never going to be able to pay for our sins...so God said, **“I’ll put your sins on Jesus and if you believe in Him, your sins will be forgiven—all of them!”**

(Romans 5:1)

Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

This week read Romans 8:1-2 and apply it to yourself and remind yourself that **being a Christian is not based on whether someone is a good or bad, but completely about what you believe.**