

Door to Hope Women's Coffee Connect

The Book of Galatians

Chapter 1: Grace & the Gospel

"Coffee Connection"

At age 18, what career were you preparing for or starting? How does that relate to your life now?

Introduction to The Book of Galatians

The churches that Paul founded in Galatia (Acts 13 – 14) were invaded by false teachers like those Paul had refuted in the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15). These false teachers are called Judaizers because they tried to bring Christians into bondage to the Law of Moses.

Paul wrote this letter to magnify God's grace in salvation and to explain the freedom of God's people because of grace.

Paul opens his letter (chapters 1 – 2) with a personal affirmation explaining how God delivered him from bondage through faith in Christ Jesus.

He then gives a doctrinal explanation (chapters 3 – 4) showing the relationship between law and grace.

In closing, Paul makes a practical application (chapters 5 – 6) that tells how to enjoy grace and freedom in daily life.

Galatians 1:1-5 "Paul's Announcement of the Gospel"

- 1) How does Paul open his letter to the churches of Galatia? And why this particular introduction?
- 2) What is Paul's definition of the Gospel?

Galatians 1:6-10 "Paul's Astonishments at the Believers' Turning"

- 3) Describe what astonished Paul?
- 4) The sphere of Christ's grace and the sphere of the Law are diametrically opposed. Contrast the two:

GRACE

Law

Galatians 1:11-24 “Paul’s Argument for His Ministry”

- 5) From whom did Paul receive his commission and message?

- 6) Why was Paul’s ministry separate from the Apostles?

- 7) How are verses 18-24 a demonstration of Paul’s humility?

Application

- 8) Who has been an “Apostle Paul” in your life, contributing to your spiritual growth?

- 9) If you had to argue for the reality of transforming grace by giving one example of how you have changed as a result of your faith, what would you share?

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Chapter 2: Grace & the Gospel

“Coffee Connection” Some great speeches in history are worth committing to memory, at least in part. What famous lines or stanzas from a famous speech can you recall?

In the first chapter, Paul proved that his gospel and apostleship came directly from Christ, independent from the Twelve Apostles. Paul explains why here in chapter two.

Galatians 2:2-10

- 1) Read Acts 15 for the background of these verses and summarize the discussion and the final results.
- 2) Paul received affirmation by the leaders of the Jerusalem Council. What was the final agreement?

Galatians 2:11-21

- 3) What was the root of Peter and Barnabas' reverting to the Law when the visitors from Jerusalem arrived?
- 4) As a leader, how widespread was Peter's influence over others?

Application

- 5) Applying the concept in verse 20, who is “alive” in your life right now – “I” or “Christ in me”?

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Chapter 3: Grace & the Law

"Coffee Connect" Did you grow up in an openly religious home or was religion a private matter until seen by you in later years?

Chapters 3 & 4 are doctrinal, for in them Paul explains the relationship between Law and Grace

- 1) There are four words in chapter 3 that are repeated frequently. Underline, circle, highlight, or list the repeated words.

- 2) Paul uses three arguments to prove his point. What is his point?
 - a. Gal. 3:1-5 What is his personal argument?

 - b. Gal. 3:6-14 What is his Scriptural argument?

 - c. Gal. 3:15-29 What is his logical argument?

Application

- 3) What "additions" to faith might outsiders sense in Christian circles regarding what they should do to be approved?

- 4) How can you help to break down those barriers?