

## Galatians Handout Week Two

Review:

Timeline:

34 AD

Why do Paul's writings carry biblical authority?

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- 2.

37 AD

Proselytes-

God fearers-

\*Cornelius, the noticeable absence

Some guys from Cyprus and Cyrene.

Hellenistas-

42 AD

What's new is old.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for *the faith* which was once for all *handed down* to the saints.

Eph. 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, *one faith*, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Why isn't that emphasized today?

The standard for sermons.

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children *and for all who are far off*, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

Does that always work? What if someone doesn't know what "sin" is?

Acts 14:15 We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should *turn from these vain things to a living God*, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; and yet He did not leave Himself without witness....

How is this similar to what Peter says?

How is it different?

What then is the basic message?

Works if there is no god, wrong god or incomplete picture of God.

Antioch, city of firsts.

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Why is this a huge deal?

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Acts 13:1 Who is in this prayer group?

Acts 13:2-4 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, *they sent them away*. 4 So, *being sent out by the Holy Spirit*, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

What is interesting about verses 3 and 4, side-by-side?

48 AD

What's up with Mark?

Galatia-

Gal. 4:13-15 but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time; and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself. Where then is that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me.

Acts 13:14-16 But going on from Perga, they arrived at Pisidian Antioch, and on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation (comfort, consolation) for the people, say it." Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen...."

## Discussion

1. Paul's sermon recorded in Acts 13:16-47 is probably the quintessential example of all his sermons *when he entered a synagogue*. It also outlines his big teaching points in all his subsequent letters.

Paul isn't dissing the faith. In fact, he is honoring it to its fullest degree.

How does he honor the OT faith? How does he address the audience? What does he cover in his opening?

2. Who is the model preacher for the sermon Paul and Peter and Stephen preach?

Lk. 24:26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

3. After reviewing the OT, what is the next point the guys always highlight in their sermons?

2 Cor. 2:1 And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

4. Look at Paul's closing lines in his sermon to the Galatian synagogue. This is the take-away point for understanding the theme in his letter he will write later to the Galatians.

Acts 13:38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

This is so critical. Some pastors and teachers today get this wrong. Be ever so careful.

\*Does Paul or Jesus, ever say the law and the prophets don't matter? What does Paul, in fact, say?

Prayer requests: