

Galatians Handout Week Four

Review: “some men”

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When in the timeline? Before the counsel. Why?

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Chapters 1-2

Gospel of grace

Paul’s authority

Galatians

Chapters 3-4

Gospel of grace explained

God’s doctrine

Chapters 5-6

Gospel of grace applied

Our practice

Theme-

Purpose-

Gal. 1:1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 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, 5 to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him...

Apostle:

Little “a”

Big “A”

Who else is it from?

Why is that important?

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Why does Paul’s Apostleship matter?

Paul’s answer.

1. My apostleship does not come from

Acts 22:14 And he (Ananias) said, ‘*The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.*

Acts 26:15 And I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you;

How do we know Paul isn't making this up?

Notice Paul's message also does not come from angels
His message does not come from the church

2. My authority comes...

“raised Him from the dead?”

To the church(s) of Galatia. What do they have in common?

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Why does grace come first?

What is the sole source of grace and peace?

*None of Paul's letters start with

They all begin with

Who gave Himself for our sins.

Our acceptance is rooted in

As opposed to what?

What's in your wallet?

who gave Himself for our sins so that He might *rescue us (pluck out) from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to Him be the glory for the ages of the ages. Amen.*

This present evil age

Mat. 13:38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of *the age*. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Mat. 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very *end of the age*.”

Mark 10:29 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in *this present age*: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the *age to come* eternal life.

What do we know about this age?

1 Cor.2:6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood....
2 Cor. 4:4 the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

But there is another age

2 Cor. 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

Col. 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved.

2 Cor. 1:9-10 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and does deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us

What does our new position, new vision mean?

How we work

How we raise kids

How we vote

How we mourn

The evil of this age does not

How we treat our enemies

nor do the riches of this age

Flannery O'Connor: "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you odd."

Why were we left here?

Jn. 17:14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

The church is to be

How are we equipped?! How is this possible in an evil world with sinful flesh?

Rom. 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world (age), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

We have

Heb. 6:4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

We have

1 Cor. 10:11 Now these things happened to them (the saints of old) as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

We have

Eph. 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

We have

Jn. 17:22 The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

We have

Eph. 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

And just wow...

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Why is Paul throwing this idea out there so soon?

Why is all this true? What is the origin?

according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory for the ages of the ages. Amen.

-Because

Isa. 46:9 For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.

-Because

Rom. 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Discussion

Share a personal example you have experienced or witnessed of being rescued from the bondage of this age?

What have you been freed from?

My example might be: I have been rescued from believing achievement is a measure of my self-worth.

When, if ever have you experienced/glimpsed/sensed the age to come?