

Galatians Handout
Week Five

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 for the ages of the ages. Amen.

Review:

Origin

Gospel words—

This age-

Doxology

Rom. 11:36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Eph. 1: He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace.

Doxology opens the door to transcendence

1 Cor. 10:31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Rom. 15:7 Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

Ordinary but also mysterious. The dance...

Jn. 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you...²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father.

Father

Holy Spirit

Son

Us

Jn. 17:1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life...

10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

Jn. 17:20-24 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 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. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, *be with Me where I am*, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

We are never more *like* God, more loving *toward* God than when we are
We are never more loving to others than when we are

1 Cor. 2:4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God...7 we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined *before the ages to our glory*

How long will we be in this glory dance giving it all away? V. 5
"For the ages of the ages"

Gospel Defended

6 I am amazed/shocked that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

Paul goes OT.

Ex. 32:1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him...7 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been *quick to turn away* from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf.

Correct verb: Active, not passive.

-Our turning is _____

-Our turning is _____

What you believe about God affects how you relate to Him.

Gospel in v. 6:

Is Paul right about the gospel?

Ex. 12:12 For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Deut. 7:7 The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments

Lk. 14:16 But He (Jesus) said to him, "A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses... 21 Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.

Lk.10:16 The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me."

Jn. 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

a different gospel; which is really not another...

Liberal view

Super conservative/highly regulated/highly ritualized view

Evangelical/Pentecostal view (sometimes) It's more subtle but also dangerous
Don't make faith into a work.

Yes, believers can get off track.

-Our turning is _____, but it doesn't mean

Can a believer lose their salvation?

Rom. 8:28-30 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Jn. 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Why is Paul so upset then?

there are some who are disturbing (agitating, troubling) you and want to distort (reverse) the gospel of Christ.

Disturb tarasso:

Mk.6:49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; for they all saw Him and were terrified (tarasso).

What does getting the gospel reversed mean?

Jn. 8:26 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Vs. religious slavery.

Gen.3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, *has God said*, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’”...5 For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

The serpent:

WHY do we have such a problem with grace!!!

-Total grace is

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-Total grace is dangerous

Rom. 6:15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became *obedient from the heart* to that form of teaching to which you were committed....

How then can I get a better grasp on grace?!

Col. 2:6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.

There is lots of help.

We have the body

Eph. 4: And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, *tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men*, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ....

We have the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:4–7 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

We have the ongoing power of Christ for us.

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save forever/in every way those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

2 Cor. 5:17-18a Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God,

8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

Don't fall for the impressive messenger.

Any turning from grace alone is _____

Discussion

Of all the difficulties with total grace that we discussed, which is the one you find yourself vulnerable to?

Knowing that no church is perfect, but that we love them and pray for them always...

In what way might your church tend to stray away from the pure gospel of grace? Liberal, conservative or some messy middle? How can you help your church do better?