

GALATIANS AND PHILIPPIANS

STUDY IN DEPTH

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HOMEWORK:

READ: Galatians, Chapter 1

REVIEW: Lecture #1 by Dr. Barnhouse

ANSWER: Examination Questions

OUTLINE: Advise students as to whether they are to fill in the outline as part of their homework or in class.

SCORING: Advise students the point values you will give each question.

NOTE: Instructor is asked to select the mixture of questions from Level 1 and 2 as seems appropriate. This should be announced at time homework is given. This suggestion applies to all lessons in Galatians and Philippians.

LESSON SYNOPSIS: GALATIANS 1:1-17

This first section of Galatians establishes a foundation for all that is to come. As we read this section, we note Paul's continuous assertion of the Gospel as being "from God". In subsequent chapters, Paul still pursues the doctrinal implications of that truth, here Paul draws two thoughts: First, since the Gospel is of God how could the Galatians allow themselves to be removed from it? Second, since the Gospel is divine, those who would preach and teach otherwise are heretics – perverting the truth and deserving condemnation.

INSTRUCTOR HELPS:

1. Contrary to the other epistles of Paul, Galatians begins "coolly." Paul does not begin with "I thank God for you," but plunges into the subject almost immediately (vs. 6) "I marvel that ye are so soon removed..."
2. (vs. 4) – The deliverance from the "present evil world" is two-fold:
 - a. Deliverance from the power of evil NOW – the victory of Christ.
 - b. Deliverance from evil eternally – to be accomplished when Christ takes us home to be with Him.
3. Note the importance of vs. 6-8. They have removed to another (heteros – gr.) gospel – a gospel wholly different (vs. 6). This is not to be confused as another (allos – gr.) form of the same gospel (vs. 7). Indeed, anyone who preaches a completely different gospel (heteros -gr.) is deserving of being accused – damned (vs. 8)!
4. (vs. 12) - The gospel Paul preached was not merely a second- hand belief. Rather, he had received it as direct revelation (apokalupsis – gr. "To remove the veil, to reveal") from God.
5. (Vs. 13-15) - Paul is going to speak to the Galatians of their intermingling of Law and Grace. Here, he masterfully separates the two. Paul was strong in the Law (vs. 13-14), then was saved only when God called him by His "Grace" (vs. 15).

6. Of a practical not is vs. 10. Here Paul describes how he is not concerned with pleasing men or seeking their praise. Only in pleasing the Lord in his desire. This needs to be the attitude of Christians today – to do what God desires and requires, regardless of the opinion of men.
7. Review with the students the points from IV and V in the student outlines and take special not of 1:16-17,

Attention: Instructor. The outlines in the students' workbooks do not have the details given in the instructor outline. You may want to ask the students to fill in their outlines as part of the homework assignment or you may prefer the students take notes from your lecture during class time. Give points for such work.

PREVIEW

Paul authored the Epistle to the Galatians. He wrote it to defend the Gospel of Grace against those who insisted upon keeping of the Mosaic Law. Galatians is the MAGNA CHARTA of Christian liberty. It is no less valuable today than when it first was written. Saving faith versus works is still a real issue. In the first 17 verses Paul salutes and rebukes the Galatians and cites his personal experience. The contrast between faith and works is drawn.

OUTLINE:

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Galatians the Magna Charta of Christian Liberty
- B. Galatians has more influence on men than the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence
- C. Galatians makes it possible to eat any food.
- D. Galatians makes it possible to wear any kind of clothing
- E. Galatians makes it possible to cook in any pot or pan

II. THE BACKGROUND OF THE EPISTLE

- A. The location of Galatians
- B. The background of the Galatians people
- C. Paul's doctrine denounced and his authority challenged by Juadaizers

III. GALATIANS 1:1-5

- A. Paul an apostle with authority from God
- B. Paul writes TO the churches; not from the churches; the churches do not teach but are taught
- C. The apostolic blessing
- D. Deliverance from this present evil world

IV. GALATIANS 1:6-9

- A. The Galatian church had fallen away while Pastor Paul was on a journey
- B. The great need for the church to break away from Judaism
- C. The evil of trying to make Gentiles live like Jews
- D. Jesus emancipated His followers from the curse of the law
- E. The decision of the first church council at Jerusalem
- F. The pronouncement of a curse upon false teachers

V. GALATIANS 1:10-12

- A. Paul desired not to please men but to please God
- B. The nature of the Gospel
- C. The legalism inserted into the Gospel did not come from Paul
- D. How Saul of Tarsus was delivered from legalism

VI. GALATIANS 1:15-17

- A. Paul's experience of God's sovereign grace
- B. Christ's revelation of Himself to Paul
- C. Paul in the school of Christ in Arabia

EXAMINATION QUESTIONS: - Level 1

1. Galatians has been called the _____, _____, of Christian Liberty.

ANSWER: Magna - Charta

2. The book of Galatians was written to the _____.

ANSWER: Churches of Galatia.

3. The name Galatian came from the _____.

ANSWER: Gauls.

4. What happened to change the Galatians?

ANSWER: Jewish Christians came denouncing Paul and his doctrine of grace without works.

5. Paul's brief introduction was due to his _____, _____.

ANSWER: Righteous - indignation

6. The church does not teach, the _____ is the teacher.

ANSWER: Holy - Spirit

7. Man's primary problem is his lack of _____ to _____.

ANSWER: Submission - God.

8. The Galatian Church had fallen from _____ into _____.

ANSWER: Grace - law

9. The new teaching the Galatians were following was different, but similar to the true gospel. (True) (False)

ANSWER: False

10. The Apostle Paul drew on the Sermon on the Mount in many of his epistles. (True) (False)

ANSWER: False

11. The early church council concluded that Gentiles should not be placed under the law.

ANSWER: True

12. A man who tampers with the truth of God is a _____.

ANSWER: Spiritual - Pervert

13. Paul's desire was to _____ not to please men.

ANSWER: Please - God

14. What is the Gospel?

ANSWER: Good news that God is reconciled to man. Yoke of sin is broken - It is divine.

15. Paul received the Gospel by: a. Illumination b. Revelation c. Instruction

ANSWER: Revelation

16. Paul's father was: a. Jewish b. Wealthy c. Both a & b

ANSWER: C

17. When Paul persecuted the church, he was acting according to the:

ANSWER: Law of Moses.

18. Dr. Barnhouse believes that Paul's conversion was on the Damascus Road.
(True) (False)

ANSWER: False

19. Who reveals truth to the Christian?

ANSWER: The Holy Spirit.

20. Paul went to _____ to be taught of the Lord.

ANSWER: Arabia

21. The time between Christ revealing Himself to Paul and Paul's return to Jerusalem was:
a. 10 years b. 14 years c. 17 years

ANSWER: c.

LEVEL 2 (To be selected by the Instructor).

1. Explain with some detail what a "Judaizer" was.

(Student Answer).

2. Show why the new teaching accepted by the Galatians was "another Gospel."

(Students Answer).

3. Study Acts 15:1-25 and analyze both the issued before the council and the decision that was reached.

(Student Answer).

PREVIEW NEXT LESSON: