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Overview

of

Paul's Gospel in Galatians

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INTRODUCTION: since some in the body of Christ believe a repentant sinner seeking God, must understand the Old and New Testament before they can be saved and water baptised. This study gives a brief overview of each of Paul's letters focusing upon the Gospel the Lord Jesus Christ gave to him on the road to Damascus, and in various visions to proclaim to the Gentiles, to discover if they contain enough information for a sinner seeking God to be saved.

NOTE: since some chapters containing Paul's letters are solely focused on rules for those in Christ to live by, and various teachings, but have nothing directly concerning Paul's Gospel, they have been skipped.

GALATIANS CHAPTER 1

❖ Paul did not receive the Gospel he preached from man, nor did man teach it to him, but he received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. (Gal. 1:11-12), nor was he appointed an apostle by men, but by the Lord Jesus Christ and God. (Gal. 1:1), for God set him apart, before he was born, and called him by His grace, and revealed His Son to him so he would preach Jesus to the Gentiles. (Gal. 1:15-16). The Gospel he proclaims states: the Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of God the Father. (Gal. 1:3-5), and that God calls the faithful into the grace of Christ. (Gal. 1:6).

GALATIANS CHAPTER 2

- God entrusted Paul to proclaim to the Gentiles the Gospel that leads to salvation (Gal. 2:7-8), which at its core states, by works of the law no one will be justified, for justification only comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, naturally there is more to the Gospel that Jesus gave to Paul, but these statements underpin the Gospel message of salvation the apostles, Paul and all their new converts believed to be justified and saved to eternal life. (Gal. 2:16).
- All repentant sinners must die to the law as a means to save them, and by faith reckon themselves crucified with Christ, meaning, reckon their old nature (the flesh) to be dead, and that it is no longer their old self that lives within them, but Christ, and endeavor (I say endeavor because not one of us achieve this perfectly, if we could Christ died for no reason), to live a life that honors God, and brings a good testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Christian faith. (Gal. 2:19-20). Though the flesh is still alive, and not one of us is totally free of sin, Paul fully understanding this reality, teaches the faithful, that the life they now live in the flesh (i.e., when it does manifest itself), they are to live by faith in the Son of God, who loved them and gave his life for them. This means we are to hold fast to the truth, we are saved by grace, and are not to nullify the grace of God, which carries the idea, we are not to condemn ourselves and think that our faith counts for nothing, for if righteousness (i.e., attaining to a sin free life) could be attained to, or earned through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. (Gal. 2:21).

GALATIANS CHAPTER 3

Paul's Gospel proclaims, Jesus Christ crucified, and that no one receives the Spirit by works of the law, for it can only be received by faith, because no one can attain to a sin free life or be perfected by the flesh. (Galatians 3:1-3).

The Gospel and Abraham: Paul tells us, the Gospel was preached to Abraham, the Gospel preached to Abraham refers to the fact he believed God, and because of his belief he was counted righteous, which is exactly what the Gospel Paul proclaims states, (i.e., salvation is by faith, not works), all who believe will be saved, this is why God gave Abraham the promise, saying, "In you shall all nations be blessed," and why Scripture states: Abraham was counted righteous because he believed God. All Jews and Gentiles who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith, and are justified by faith, and are therefore counted as sons of Abraham. In contrast to this all who rely on works of the law for righteousness and to be saved are under a curse, because if they do not keep everything written in the Book of the Law and do them, the law has legal and full right to pronounce them guilty, and condemn them to destruction. (Gal. 3:6-10).

Christ redeemed us from the laws power to condemn us (i.e., the curse of the law), and because we are delivered from the power of the law, we will receive the blessing of Abraham, and the promised Spirit through faith (notice it is the promised Spirit in focus here, not the promised land). The promised Spirit refers to God's Spirit that a believer receives at salvation. (Gal. 3:13-14).

Following are the six blessings God gave to Abraham:

- 1. God would protect and lead Abraham by His Spirit to the Promised Land. Likewise, God keeps all those in Christ safe in His hand for salvation. (Gen. 12:1).
- God would make Abraham a great nation (Gen. 12:2) All the redeemed in Christ are part of this great nation, which is the family of God. No one joins this great family; all must be born into it by receiving Jesus.
- 3. God would bless Abraham (Gen. 12:2), and by extension, all the faithful in Christ who belong to his family.
- 4. God would make Abrahams name great (Gen. 17:4–6), likewise, Jesus has signed the Book of Life for all who belong to Abrahams family with His own precious blood.
 - Genesis 17:4–6: "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.
- 5. God would make Abraham a blessing to all nations (Gen. 12:3), and by extension, all in Christ who shine their light share the message of salvation in our dark world are made a blessing to all people.
- 6. God would bless all who bless Abraham and his promised descendants (Gen. 12:3), who would be as numerous as the sand on the seashore. (Gen. 22:17).
 - Genesis 22:17: I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

God's promise to Abraham embraces the following: The Lord Jesus Christ, the promised land, the promised Spirit, the promised Gospel of faith (i.e., the inheritance is received by faith not law). These promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to all the redeemed in Christ, for they are by faith children of Abraham. (Gal. 3:16-19). The law came for two reasons, firstly, as our guardian until Christ came, and, secondly to highlight our great need to be justified by faith.

Once Christ came, the Gospel of faith came. All who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, and those in Christ are no longer under the law, for in Christ all are sons of God, through faith, whether they are Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, males, or females, for we are all one in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are Abraham's offspring, and heirs of all God promised to Abraham which includes, the Lord Jesus Christ, the promised land, the promised Spirit, and the promised Gospel of faith, for these are received by faith, not law. (Gal. 3:24-29).

GALATIANS CHAPTER 4

Christ came to redeem all under the law, so they could receive adoption as sons, and as adopted sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into their hearts crying, "Abba! Father!" All who have the Spirit of God's Son dwelling in their hearts are no longer slaves, but sons, and as a son, an heir through God. (Gal. 4:1-7). Paul great desire was to see Christ formed in those he proclaimed the Gospel to. (Gal. 4:19-20).

GALATIANS CHAPTER 5

❖ Pauls Gospel proclaims, all who trust in the law to be justified, separate themselves from Christ and from grace, and that, it is by faith and through the Spirit, all in Christ wait for the hope of righteousness. (Gal. 5:4-6). At this present time all the redeemed in Christ are counted righteous by faith. The righteousness they are waiting for is the perfect literal righteousness that those in Christ will receive when their perishable body puts on the imperishable, and their mortal body puts on immortality and, death is swallowed up in victory (1 Cor. 15:53-55), and they are totally set free from any influence of sin.

Those who live a lifestyle of the flesh will not inherit the Kingdom of God, in contrast to this those in Christ who live a lifestyle in the fruits of the Spirit, (i.e., love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and such like things) will, for there is no law against the fruits of the Spirit, because all who live in them will only ever do good, and never bring harm to anyone. (Gal. 5:19–24).

GALATIANS CHAPTER 6

Paul did not consider his great knowledge of the Old Testament, his visions or evangelism, worthy of boasting about. The only thing he considered worthy of boasting about, was the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, for it manifested the great love Jesus had for him, and knowing this love, the world had no hold on him, and he put no value on the things of the world (i.e., it had been crucified to him). (Gal. 6:14).

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