

Calvary Chapel of Escondido
Men's Ministry Bible Study

Galatians Study #1 - Liberty and Grace



As we begin our study in a new Book, it's important to have a little background. Paul wrote the Book of Galatians to the area of Galatia around 49 A.D., and it was probably circulated among a number of churches in the area. As we know about the early church, it began with Jewish Christians through the ministry of Peter and John and later the gospel reached the Gentiles (non-Jews) through the ministry of Paul.

At this time, many of the Jewish Christians were telling the new Gentile Christians that they had to accept Jesus Christ AND follow the Law. So Paul wrote this Book to clear up the controversy in the early church and to show us the freedom that we all have in Christ! As born again believers, we are part of the new covenant, yet we are often saddled with the baggage of the law and of sin. We aren't spiritual people because of what we do and don't do. We are made righteous through the blood of Jesus Christ. So as we grow in the Lord, we ought not to hang our hat on something that we've done or something that we chose not to do, but instead let's look to serve God wholeheartedly without putting legalism on ourselves or others. It is my prayer that we will all realize the liberty that we have in Jesus and choose to please our Lord and not men.

Supportive Scripture

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; [it is] the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. (Romans 3:27-28)

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. (1 Corinthians 15:10)

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. (Matthew 5:17-18)

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. (Romans 5:)

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord [is], there [is] liberty. (2 Corinthians 3:17)

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. (2 Corinthians 5:9)

What then shall we say to these things? If God [is] for us, who [can be] against us? (Romans 8:31)

