



Christ Community Church

February 18th, 2007

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Galatians 1:10-24

An Outline of Galatians:

Introduction:

- a. Paul's greeting (1:1-5)
- b. The Problem in Galatia (1:6-9)

I. Paul defends his own calling:

- a. Paul's reception of the gospel (1:10-17)
- b. Early visits with the apostles (1:18-24)
- c. Paul explains his & Peter's roles (2:1-10)
- d. Paul's dispute with Peter (2:11-21)

II. Paul defends the gospel message:

- a. Explanation of Abraham & Faith (3:1-14)
- b. Explanation of the Law & Promise (3:15-25)
- c. Our status as Sons of God (3:26-4:7)
- d. Illustration of Slavery and Freedom (4:8-31)

III. Paul defends the power of the Spirit:

- a. Implications of freedom (5:1-15)
- b. Living by the Spirit (5:16-26)
- c. Looking after one another (6:1-11)

Conclusion:

- a. Boasting in the cross, not the flesh (6:12-18)

Title: "God is in the business of changing lives- radically"

- Parallels between Acts 9 and Galatians 1:10-24

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a _____
(not a human invention). (v. 10-12)

- a) Revealed by Jesus Christ to Paul
- b) Therefore, we are _____ of a divine master.

God displays his grace in the _____.
(v. 13-17)

- a) Paul- zealous in _____ & persecuting the church.
- b) Paul- called by God to preach among the _____.

God confirms his work with the _____.
(v. 18-21)

- a) Peter-
- b) James- the Lord's brother!

God draws praise through _____.
(v. 22-24)

- a) Praising God for his work in the lives of _____.

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Sermon Application Questions

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1. Think of someone you know who is the most “unlikely” person to express faith in Christ- a family member, boss or coworker, a friend possibly? Have you lost motivation to pray for them or witness to them? How does the testimony of Paul encourage you?
2. Read Paul’s prayer in First Timothy 1:12-17. How can you thank God that his grace has been “poured out abundantly” on you? Take some time to meditate on this prayer.
3. Paul says in Galatians 2:24 that the other churches praised God because of his testimony and calling. Take a few moments to write down the names of those people you are thankful for. How can you praise God for his work in their lives?
4. In Galatians 1:10-12, Paul makes clear that the gospel is not a human message. How can anyone realize that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the anointed one? Read Matthew 16:13-21 and think about why God’s plan can only be revealed by God himself.
5. Related to question #4- Some people claim that the gospel stories about Jesus are simply “made up”. If you were a disciple of Jesus, trying to “make up” a religion- would you include the fact that Jesus had to suffer? Would you include details like the virgin birth? Would you include embarrassing details such as when Peter denies that he knows Jesus? What other incredible aspects of the gospels confirm that it is far from a “made up” account?

“Preach the Gospel Always- If necessary, use words.”

St. Francis of Assisi

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Daily Readings

February 19th-25th 2007

Monday, Feb. 19th - The passage for our teaching this week is Galatians 2:1-16. What is the contrast between verses 1-10 and verses 11-16? Have you ever had to confront someone who was not “acting in line with the truth?”

Tuesday, Feb. 20th - Another passage that talks about Christians confronting one another is Matthew 18:15-20. What steps are described if a fellow Christian sins against you? How does disunity in the Body of Christ hinder our prayers (v. 19-20)?

Wednesday, Feb. 21st - Staying with the theme of Christians dealing with one another, read Ephesians 4:11-32. Although we have many different gifts, we are called to grow together in maturity. What kind of changes are described for someone who comes to faith in Christ (v. 20-32)?

Thursday, February 22nd - Paul faced much opposition in his ministry- aside from his dispute with Peter described in Galatians 2. Read 2 Timothy 1:7-18. Have you ever been deserted by a close friend, a close Christian minister? Pray that today the Holy Spirit would release you from any bitterness against someone else.

Friday, February 23rd – Read Genesis 13:1-12. Notice Abram’s comment that he and Lot are “brothers” even though Lot was his nephew (Genesis 11:27). Think about how quarreling between leaders can filter down to others. How might you initiate a compromise with someone close to you this week?

Saturday & Sunday, February 24th & 25th- Read Acts 11:1-18. How did God show Peter that both Jews and Gentiles can come to faith? Notice how Paul addresses Peter’s later hypocrisy in Galatians 2:1-16.