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Welcome to GALATIANS

Six power packed chapters.

In Chapters 1 & 2
CHRIST'S GOSPEL IS GENUINE!

In Chapters 3 & 4
CHRIST'S GOSPEL IS SUPERIOR!

In Chapters 5 & 6
CHRIST'S GOSPEL IS LIBERATING!

The Gospel is Genuine as to
its Nature
Chapter 2

The Gospel Is Superior In
the Privileges it Offers
Chapter 4

Christ's Love
Ends *Flesh* Bondage
Chapter 6

The Gospel Is Genuine
as to its Origin
Chapter 1

The Gospel Is Superior in
the New Relationship it Creates
Chapter 3

Christ's Love
Ends *Law* Bondage
Chapter 5

Today's Goal:

I Lie Not!

Today's Focus Area

Chapter two falls into two general categories:

- Paul recounts events leading to the Jerusalem Affair (2:1-10) ~ Circumcision
- Paul recounts the Antioch Affair (2:11-21) ~ Justification

We plan to add a few thoughts to chapter one and move into the events leading to the Jerusalem Council (2:1-10).

A Roadmap for Galatians		
PERSONAL CHAPTERS 1-2 The Gospel is Authentic ...and Paul's apostleship is genuine.	Gal 1:1-24 The Gospel Is Genuine As To Its Origin 2.	Paul's Apostleship 1-5 Paul's Stand Against Apostates 6-12 Paul's Former Position In Judealism 13-14 Paul's New Position In Christ 15-24
	Gal 2:1-21 The Gospel Is Genuine As To Its Nature 3.	Communication by Revelation 1-2 Contention Over Circumcision 3-10 Confrontation on Justification 11-21
DOCTRINAL CHAPTERS 3-4 The Gospel is Superior ...Christ's grace is superior to Moses' law.	Gal 3:1-29 The Gospel Is Superior In The New Relationship It Creates 4.	The Preeminence of Faith 1-14 The Preexistence of Faith 15-25 The Preference of Faith 26-29
	Gal 4:1-31 The Gospel Is Superior In The Privileges It Offers 5.	As Children Under the Law 1-3 As Adult Sons Under Christ 4-7 The Foolishness of Reverting to Childhood 8-31
PRACTICAL CHAPTERS 5-6 The Gospel Brings Freedom ...in Christ we find freedom to obey.	Gal 5:1-15 Christ's Love Ends Law - Bondage 6.	Only In Christ Are We Free From the Law's Bondage 1-6 The Sinfulness of Reverting to the Law 7-12 Only In Christ Can We Fulfill the Law 13-15
	Gal 5:16 - 6:18 Christ's Love Ends Flesh - Bondage 7.	Sanctification Is Through the Spirit, Not the Law 16-25 Only In Christ Are We Freed to Serve Others 1-6 Only In Christ Are We Freed to Sow to the Spirit 7-18

Romans - the just Galatians - shall live Hebrews - by faith

Paul's Amazing Claim

Paul has received his truth directly from Christ who did at least four things:

First, Christ unveiled *Himself* to Paul uniquely. (Acts 9:5)

Secondly, Christ unveiled *the gospel* of grace uniquely to Paul. Gal. 1:11-12 and following.

Thirdly, Christ *illuminated* those *mysteries* which had been kept secret from the foundations of the world to Paul. (Romans 16:25,26). Paul was a unique steward of these mysteries.

And **finally**, Christ even *revealed* *new information* to Paul which was in addition to what the other apostles received.

The Verse

The Emphasis:

1:12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

What makes this Bible so inconceivably unique?

Unlike all the holy books, so-called, of men, this book stands alone in its supreme glory, not so much for the facts and arguments it contains (as powerful as they are), but it stands alone because of the Person it unveils.

THE BIBLE ALONE IS THE SELF-REVELATION OF GOD.

It is not merely God communicating to men. It is God communicating HIMSELF to us. It is God's self-revelation. No pseudo scripture can or ever has made such a claim!

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Why does the Greek emphasize “I” ?

All the scriptures of all of the apostles were inspired and they were equally inspired...

...so, that leads us to wonder why Christ’s personal revelation to Paul was so unique.

Why was Paul taught personally and directly by Christ - and not the other apostles?

Answer: So that we may properly interpret the scriptures through the lens of what was last revealed, not first revealed...

A. Paul, who was then Saul, witnessed the stoning of Stephen at the end of Acts 7.



Paul makes his appearance here.



Paul: Snapshot Passages

Your **RECOUNTED** later in Acts.

B. Paul is directly converted by Christ, in Acts 9:1-22. This was no mere apparition. He comes fact to face with the risen Christ.



Notice: **Paul constantly pursued** here

C. And then, to fully understand these next few verses we need to read much of Acts 14 and Acts 15.

Paul's CREDENTIALS



- Personally called by Jesus in Acts 22:10 and Galatians 1:1.



- Called to be an Apostle by the will of God in Colossians 1:1, Ephesians 1:1, 1 Corinthians 1:1.



- Set apart to be His minister and witness in Acts 9:15; 26:16; Romans 1:1.



The Called Servant's CREDENTIALS



- He must be immersed in the Word of God!



- He must be immersed in the ministry of the Word!



- He must be guided by godly pastoral men!





Giving Place to Error:



We are giving place *by our ignorance*. We don't even know we're under attack. The battle is out there, somewhere.

We are giving place *by our complacency*. We don't want anyone waking us up. We like our cozy world. We are content reminding ourselves that we attend a good church and have a good pastor. We love peace at any price while we peek out now and then from under the corner of our covers.

We are giving place *by our cooperation with those who are corrupting the gospel*. We have bought into the idea that the enemy of our enemy is our friend. It is unthinkable to us that such a thing as false brethren could even exist. If they name the name of Christ they are our fiends. I sometimes wonder if any of us have anything left in us which outrages us when we see our precious gospel defiled. Stop dining with the devil, folks.

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