

The Book of Galatians – After Paul’s 1st Missionary Journey

Review – Take Aways

Salvation by Grace (promised blessing, not conditional = not merited)

Salvation by Faith (not of works) – Ephesians 2:8-9

Purpose of the Law a Theocratic Governor and a Tutor:

Righteous behavior, demonstrated the holiness and majesty of God

Part II. Paul moves into Adoption

Galatians 3:24-4:7 (read block)

v 26 Sonship

John 1:12-13 – the fact of sonship by receiving Christ

v 27-28

Note: Baptism (“dip/dye”) as means of identification (see I Corinthians 10:1-4) think of our current practice, we dip them or they’re not identified as members of our local church.

v 27-28 These people were Matthew 28:18-20 baptized! (as are we!)

vs 29 kicker – because Jesus Christ IS promised Seed (3:16) Abraham >> Christ << Us!

We get A) Promised blessing of Salvation B) Divine adoption and inheritance!

Galatians 4:1-2 Time appointed by father

1. Manhood >> Jew at 13, Greek at 18, Roman determined by father
2. Roman >> Manhood inferred at ceremony of Liberalia - formal adoption of son and legal acknowledgement as heir. – Expositor’s Bible Commentary

v 3-7 Time set by the Father has come – Priesthood of the believer Matthew 27:50-51

So what?

v 8-11 Why are you going back under the Law? Is he also talking about returning to pagan worship? (not by context, but it would apply to some of the congregation)

v 12a “Instead model me” – No longer studying Law under Sanhedrin, but living in the Spirit, worshipping Christ, spreading the gospel

v 12b “as I have become as you are” – No longer aloof, but personal – meeting them where they live, part of their fellowship

This is no legalistic religion, there is no reason for politics

v 12c – 16 Paul’s thorn in the flesh referenced

v 17-18 Judaizers, Paul correcting, Paul praising

v 19-20 Paul is worried. – As a parent, so as a pastor, so as teachers, or even Christian friends

Next week – Freedom

Then Ch 5 & 6 on Christian walk and bearing one another’s burdens