

Galatians Notes

Key Points Chapter by Chapter:

Chapter 1:

1. Paul's apostleship, teaching, and revelation was NOT by man, but by Jesus Christ!
2. The CURSE on those who preach a FALSE GOSPEL:
 - a. Amazing how quickly believers can be removed from the truth (grace).
 - b. Ultimately leaving HIM for another gospel.

Chapter 2:

1. No man (none of the original 12 even) added ANYTHING to Paul's understanding of the gospel of the grace of God.
2. If God's righteousness could come by the law (or any of man's efforts) than Christ died for NOTHING!
 - * We must KNOW that JUSTIFICATION comes by FAITH ONLY! (we'll see that this faith will yield good fruit; it is not just saying you have faith).

Chapter 3:

1. Witchcraft: Being seduced away from the gospel to the law (or some other system of man) is being BEWITCHED (like Witchcraft).
 - * The truth, miracles, the power of the Spirit all come only through "the hearing of faith." (this is hearing the truth of Christ, the gospel, etc).
2. The Blessing of Abraham/promise/faith as opposed to the Curse of the law/works of men.
 - * Christ took the curse of the law by becoming CURSED on the TREE/cross.
3. The purpose of the Law and it's relation to faith:
 - a. The PROMISE came 1st (received by faith)
 - b. The LAW came 2nd b/c of transgressions. (of works; shut up faith)
 - c. The GOSPEL/CHRIST came 3rd (received by faith).
 1. The LAW was to BRING people to CHRIST/FAITH.
 2. Once you come to CHRIST, there is NO GOING BACK!

Chapter 4:

1. The fulness of the time:
 - a. Servant -----> Sonship!
 - b. Received the Spirit of HIS SON -----> Cries "Abba, Father"
 - c. Why turn back to the WEAK and BEGGARLY elements?
2. Important to note how the Galatians originally received Paul and his gospel:
 - a. Love, affection, thanksgiving, blessing.
 - b. Now they are doubting him, there is confusion, almost poisoned...

3. The Allegory!!!

- a. Hagar = Old Covenant of Mt. Sinai (in Arabia, covenant of bondage)
- b. Ishmael = Children of the Old Covenant (they persecute the free-born)
- c. Sarah = New Covenant of Jerusalem (covenant of liberty)
- d. Isaac = children of the New Covenant (persecuted for their liberty)
 - * This opens up the O.T. stories SO MUCH to realize that within all the stories are hidden prophetic types of things to come!

Chapter 5:

- 1. Stand Fast in Liberty!
 - a. Faith which works by love!
 - b. By love serving one another!
 - c. Walking in the Spirit (and yielding it's fruits)!
 - d. Crucifying the flesh and it's lusts.
- 2. If you turn back to the law/circumcision:
 - a. Christ profits you NOTHING!
 - b. You are FALLEN from GRACE!

Chapter 6:

- 1. The law of Christ!
 - a. Restoring brothers overtaken in faults (in meekness).
 - b. Bearing one another's burdens.
- 2. Sowing & Reaping:
 - a. Let us sow to the Spirit.
 - b. Let us not faint.... Keep doing good to all men (especially the believers).
- 3. Glory in the Cross of Christ!
 - a. A new Creature!
 - b. Not circumcision, not the flesh.