

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: October 25, 2020

Title: "Galatians: The Charter of Christian Liberty"

Key Verse: Galatians 5:1

INTRODUCTION: From Merrill C. Tenney's commentary on Galatians

"The book of Galatians is one of the shorter epistles of Paul. Few books, however, have had a more profound influence on the history of mankind than has this small tract, for such it could be called. Christi-anity might have been just one more Jewish sect, and the thought of the Western world might have been entirely pagan had it never been writ-ten. Galatians embodies the germinal teaching on Christian freedom which separated Christianity from Judaism, & which launched it upward on a career of missionary conquest. It was the cornerstone of the Pro-Testant Reformation, because its teaching of salvation by grace alone became the dominant theme of the preaching of the Reformers. Luth-er's Commentary on Galatians was the reasoned manifesto of the revolt against the Roman ritual and hierarchy, which more than any other single document, revived the knowledge of Biblical truth in the minds of the people. It has been called 'the Magna Carta of spiritual emancipation,' for on its principles is formed the whole faith of a free church."

DESTINATION and DATE

1. **Destination:** Southern Galatia (Roman Province)
 - Congregations in Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe
 - Paul evangelized these cities on his 1st mission. journey (Acts 13-14)
2. **Date:** A.D. 48 after Paul's first missionary journey (Acts 13-14), but before the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15). See Acts 14:28.

OCCASION and PURPOSE (1:7b)

1. Judaizers undermined Paul's _____
2. Judaizers undermined Paul's _____

ARGUMENT and TEACHING

INTRODUCTION: _____ to any other Gospel.

- The Apostle Paul's Authority and Gospel (vss. 1-5)

- False Teachers and Faithless Galatians (vss. 6-10)

1. Personal: The _____ of Paul's Gospel (1:11-2:21)
 - A. By _____ from Jesus Christ (1:11-12)
 - B. His office & gospel _____ by key apostles (2:9)
2. Doctrinal: The _____ of Paul's Gospel (3:1-4:31)
A defense of justification by grace through faith!
 - A. Confirmed by _____ (3:1-5)
 - B. Affirmed by _____ (3:6-4:31)
3. Practical: The _____ of Paul's Gospel (5:1-6:18)
Living in Christian freedom; a defense of Christian liberty (5:1)
 - A. A life apart from _____ (5:1-12)
 - B. A life apart from _____ (5:13-15)
 - C. A life according to the _____ (5:16-26)
 - D. A life of _____ (6:1-10)

FINAL THOUGHTS (6:11-18)

SOME PRINCIPLES TO APPLY:

1. No one is _____ to the temptation to _____ the gospel.
2. Some things are _____ a vigorous _____.
3. Personal commitment to _____ through _____.
4. Human beings are born in sin and slavery, but Jesus Christ came to set us free! Have you been set free?