

“Galatians 1:6-24”

All Scripture is KJV: Galatians 1:6-24

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY?

Today we continue with the preaching series on the Book of Galatians.

Galatians addresses the issues of following after Jesus for salvation and not following after the Jewish Laws and fables for salvation.

In the Epistle written to the Galatians Paul addresses many issues relating to salvation.

He refutes and exposes the false way of salvation, brings those people to task who teach the wrong way of salvation.

He exposes the Jews for their lies and rebukes them for trying to get Christians to return to the way of the law which was never able to save.

The book of Galatians is a very interesting and an eye opener to those who preach a different gospel.

It also encourages those in Jesus Christ to remain true and faithful and to hold to the faith that was once delivered unto them by the word of God through the Prophets and Apostles.

- In Acts Chapter 9 we read about the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. A man who was originally hostile to the people of God. A man who tried to destroy the very churches of God. A man who was a very zealous Jew, and a man who lived his religion to the letter of the law.
- But God was greater than Saul, and began a work in him to which the church would eventually prosper with a convert who was totally committed to Jesus Christ as his saviour.

A man that God would use as an apostle who would author at least 13 books of the NT and 14 if you count that he may have written Hebrews as well.

[1 Corinthians 1:1](#) Paul called to be an **apostle** of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

[Romans 1:1](#) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an **apostle**, separated unto the gospel of God,

[Ephesians 1:1](#) Paul, an **apostle** of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

[Colossians 1:1](#) Paul, an **apostle** of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,

[1 Timothy 1:1](#) Paul, an **apostle** of Jesus Christ by **the commandment of God our Saviour**, and **Lord Jesus Christ**, which is our hope;

[2 Timothy 1:1](#) Paul, an **apostle** of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

[Titus 1:1](#) Paul, a servant of God, and an **apostle** of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

From Verses 1-5 the apostle Paul sets up and confirms his office as that of an apostle received by God. And now from verses 6-24 he establishes the truth that God has given him to tell to rebuke the church of Galatia and also those that are following after another gospel.

He begins with a rebuke in the form of a statement as he settles in to reprimand them of the consequences of not following after Jesus Christ alone.

This is something that we still find in many churches today where they teach a works based salvation in many different forms, which sounds true but is not.

So Paul uses the letter to the Galatians to correct this false teaching by the Jews, and hope that they will turn and follow only Jesus.

Look what he has to say. Beginning in Galatians 1 verse 6.

⁶ I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

1. I can't believe it Paul says. "**I marvel**".
2. He is saying I "wonder" about your salvation?
3. Why? Because they have removed themselves from the grace of Christ by another gospel.
4. No sooner had Paul taught them the true gospel, and they turned around and "removed" themselves from the true gospel into another gospel.

So How did this happen? Well it happens the same way today as it always has happened in biblical times.

- Somebody comes along and chokes the seed as Jesus said. And by and by they are led astray.
- Here in Paul's day it was the Jews. And today we still find the Jews playing their deception tactics all over again. And today we also find others adding to the gospel of salvation.

But salvation is only by grace and not of any kind of works which we need to do.

Look at some of the many scriptures that teach us that salvation is by Gods grace.

[Ephesians 1:7](#)

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, **according to the riches of his grace;**

[Ephesians 2:5](#)

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by **grace ye are saved;**)

[Ephesians 2:7](#)

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his **grace** in his kindness toward us **through Christ Jesus.**

[Ephesians 2:8](#)

For by **grace** are ye saved **through faith;** and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God:**

[2 Timothy 1:9](#) Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, **not according to our works**, but according to his own purpose and **grace**, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

[Titus 2:11](#)

For the **grace of God** that **bringeth salvation** hath appeared to all men,

[Titus 3:7](#)

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

[Hebrews 2:9](#)

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the **grace** of God **should taste death for every man.**

[Hebrews 4:16](#)

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of **grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find **grace** to help in time of need.

[1 Peter 1:10](#)

Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, **who prophesied of the **grace** that should come unto you:**

[1 Peter 1:13](#)

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the **grace** that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

- So as Paul concludes the work of salvation he offers us Titus 3:5 for confirmation of that grace that brings salvation.

[Titus 3:5](#)

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, **but according to his mercy he saved us**, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

- But yet the Jews and other Christian called preachers would have you to believe that somehow grace is not enough for salvation and therefore you have to keep the Law (10 commandments) to be saved.
 - Or that you have to be baptised to be saved.
 - Or you have to go to church.
 - Or.....you fill in the blanks....
 - All those things are works and Jesus said nothing can save you besides your faith and his grace.
5. But this was the problem with the new found churches of Galicia, and today its tainted by the same brush of works....
- ❖ For us to understand the meaning of verse 6 of another gospel we have to continue to read the rest of chapter 1 to find out what he meant by “another gospel”.

⁷ Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

1. The other gospel was not another as the scripture in verse 7 says, but it was that they were perverting “which means changing” the gospel into something that it was not.
2. So who were these people? Let’s take a look.
3. When Paul referred to these people that were corrupting the gospel, he referred to them as those that “trouble you”. This was the same as when he spoke about those same people in Chapter 5 who were causing them trouble.

Galatians 5:12 ¹² I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

4. Here in Galatians 5:12 read more about who those people were that were troubling them. And when we read the opening verse of Galatians 5 we see that is was those people trying to force circumcision upon the Gentiles in order for them to be saved.
5. Now who was it that was practising circumcision? – it was the Jews.
6. Therefore it was the Jews who were trying to force the Law upon the gentiles in order for them to be saved.

Galatians 5: ¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. ² Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. ³ For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. ⁴ Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

7. And yet even today, there are these Hebrew roots movement people and these Zionists who would like to teach that you need to observe the Jewish Law, and feasts to be saved.

Revelation 2:9 ⁹ I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Revelation 3:9 ⁹ Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

8. Jesus did not regard the Jews religion which is Judaism as being anything but satanic. That is why he said to them you are of your father the devil.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

9. **That’s also why Jesus said they have no forgiveness.**

Matthew 12:32

And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Mark 3:28-30 ²⁸ Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: ²⁹ But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. ³⁰ **Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.**

- ❖ So the reason why they would be damned and go to hell was because they said that Jesus had an unclean spirit.
- ❖ They said that he had a devil in him. That he was possessed.

John 8:52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

10. So the Jews are against Jesus. So why would he want to bless them, and so why should we as Christians want to bless them, and say that they are the chosen ones.....
11. Yet it is these Jews that are trying to mislead Christians then, and also today.

⁸ But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

1. Paul said even if we came and tried to preach another gospel to you, or and other person, or even if it came from an angel, let that person be accursed.
 2. It is believed that Joseph smith of Mormonism received his new gospel from and angel.
 3. And also it is proposed that Mohammed also received Islam from and angel.
- ❖ So Paul said don't believe anything or anyone else if they come to you.

⁹ As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

1. So even Paul is calling the Jews accursed. Because they are trying to bring in another gospel.
2. In our post modern culture it rose it ugly head again with Joseph smith.

[Mormonism](#) began with Joseph Smith Jr., who was born on Dec. 23, 1805 in Vermont. He was the fourth child of Lucy and Joseph Smith. Joseph senior was known as a money digger and sought after buried treasure particularly that of Captain Kidd. His mother was highly superstitious.

Joseph Smith Jr. stated that he was disturbed by all the different denominations of [Christianity](#) and wondered which was true. In 1820, when he was 14, he went into the woods to pray concerning this; and allegedly God the Father and Jesus appeared to him and told him not to join any of the denominational churches.

Three years later, on Sept. 21, 1823, when he was 17 years old, an angel called Moroni, who was supposed to be the son of Mormon, the leader of the people called the Nephites who had lived in the Americas, appeared to him and told him that he had been chosen to translate the book of Mormon which was compiled by Moroni's father around the 4th century. The book was written on golden plates hidden near where Joseph was then living in Palmyra, New York. Joseph Smith said that on Sept. 22, 1827, he received the plates; and the angel Moroni instructed him to begin the translation process. The translation was finally published in 1830 as the Book of Mormon. Joseph claimed that during this translation process, John the Baptist appeared to him and ordained him to accomplish the divine work of restoring the true church by preaching the true gospel which, allegedly, had been lost from the earth.

3. What about Islam.

Gaining an Overview of **Islamic Origins**. In about 610 A.D., the angel Gabriel appeared to a man named Muhammad in the city of Mecca in present day Saudi Arabia. Gabriel told Muhammad that God had commissioned Muhammad as His last prophet.

4. What about Jehovah's witnesses.

Jehovah's Witnesses had its **origins** in the Bible Student movement, which developed in the United States in the 1870s among followers of Christian Restorationist minister Charles Taze Russell. Bible Student missionaries were sent to England in 1881 and the first overseas branch was opened in London in 1900.

5. What about Pentecostalism

Pentecostalism or Classical **Pentecostalism** is a renewal movement within Protestant Christianity that places special emphasis on a direct personal experience of God through the baptism with the Holy Spirit. The term Pentecostal is derived from **Pentecost**, the Greek name for the Jewish Feast of Weeks.

¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

1. The question after all is asked by Paul.
 2. **For do I now persuade men, or God?**
 3. **or do I seek to please men?**
 4. Because Paul said if it was to please men.....which these religions are.....then Paul said "I should not be the servant of Christ.
- ❖ So according to the bible all these other movements and religions are not serving God.
 - ❖ But man is serving himself.

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

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

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