

Galatians 1:11-24 The Gospel According to Jesus

Galatians 1:6-7 Deuteronomy 14:1-3 Romans 3:23
James 2:10 Romans 6:23
Acts 8:1a,3 Acts 9:3-6

- 1) The word Gospel means “ _____ ”
- 2) The _____ is that we have sinned and deserve hell.
- 3) False gospel: Grace + _____ = salvation
- 4) True gospel: Grace + _____ = salvation

Galatians 2:1-10 The Meeting in Jerusalem

Philippians 3:3 Luke 23:39-42,43 1 Corinthians 1:17
1 Corinthians 6:9-11 1 John 2:3-6

- 5) Two Warnings About Grace:
 - Don't _____ it.
 - Don't _____ it.
- 6) We are saved by _____,
but a saving faith will never _____.

*“The grace that does not change
my life will not save my soul.”
- Charles Spurgeon*

Galatians 1:11-24 The Gospel According to Jesus

Galatians 1:6-7 Deuteronomy 14:1-3 Romans 3:23
James 2:10 Romans 6:23
Acts 8:1a,3 Acts 9:3-6

- 1) The word Gospel means “ GOOD NEWS ”
- 2) The BAD NEWS is that we have sinned and deserve hell.
- 3) False gospel: Grace + WORKS = salvation
- 4) True gospel: Grace + NOTHING = salvation

Galatians 2:1-10 The Meeting in Jerusalem

Philippians 3:3 Luke 23:39-42,43 1 Corinthians 1:17
1 Corinthians 6:9-11 1 John 2:3-6

- 5) Two Warnings About Grace:
 - Don't ADD TO it.
 - Don't ABUSE it.
- 6) We are saved by FAITH ALONE,
but a saving faith will never BE ALONE.

*“The grace that does not change
my life will not save my soul.”
- Charles Spurgeon*

TAKING IT HOME

- 7) From this week's message and homework, what is something you learned about grace? (Or something that stood out to you about grace)

We summarized the true gospel as *Grace + nothing = salvation + obedience*. How does this help you apply God's grace to *your life*?

How does it help you apply God's grace to *others*?

- 8) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?
- 9) Who are the "Sauls" in your life, that seem like they are the least likely to become Christians? Spend some time praying that God would soften their heart, and use whatever situation is necessary to "open their eyes" to Him.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶
- ▶
- ▶

Life Group Homework For the week of April 23, 2023

MY STORY

- 1) This week we read about Paul's testimony. How would you summarize your testimony ***in a minute or less?*** (*Your life before Jesus, what main event(s) led to knowing/trusting Jesus, and how your life has changed*)

QUICK REVIEW

- 2) Summarize Galatians 1:11-2:10 in eight words or less.
- 3) What stood out to you from this Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) In **Galatians 1:15-16a**, Paul says - "[15] *But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, [16] to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, ...*" God reveals Jesus **TO** us so that He can reveal Jesus **IN** us. Therefore, God's **general** calling for believers is to reveal Jesus in their life. God's **specific** calling for Paul (how it looked practically for Paul) was to preach the gospel to Gentiles. What is your **specific** calling from God? How does God want to specifically reveal Jesus in *your* life? (Based on your relationships/work/gifts/etc)

Do you think God's calling is confusing? Why or why not?

5) How would you explain God's grace to a non-believer?

6) What stands out to you from the following passage?
(Background: Cornelius was a Roman soldier and Gentile who worshipped the God of Israel. God gave both Cornelius and Peter visions to introduce them)

Acts 10:25-48 - "[25] As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. [26] But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man." [27] And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. [28] Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. [29] "Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?" [30] So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, [31] "and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. [32] 'Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.' [33] "So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God." [34] Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. [35] "But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. [36] "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all-- [37] "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: [38] "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy

Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. [39] "And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. [40] "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, [41] "not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. [42] "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. [43] "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins." [44] While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. [45] And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. [46] For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, [47] "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" [48] And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days."

Why do you think Peter and "those of the circumcision" (Jewish background Christians) were astonished?

In what ways do you see God's grace in this passage?

Why do you think it was significant that these Gentiles had received the gift of the Holy Spirit "poured out" even before they were baptized in water?