

Study of Paul's Epistle to the Churches of Galatia

Gospel of Christ vs. Law (Of Moses)

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Adapted through personal studies

Theme

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Notes on Galatia

Galatia is a region not a city

Lystra, Derbe, Iconium, Antioch of Pisidia, and possibly others not named in the region of Galatia

Letter written post Act 15 mainly because of Paul's statements in Gal 2:1-10.

The letter makes the same case as the "Letter" that was sent from Jerusalem to Antioch of Syria where Paul seemed to make his home base.

Outline

Introduction (1:1-9)

- A. Introduction (1:1-5)
- B. They left the Gospel of the Grace of Christ. (1:6-9)

I. The Authenticity of the Gospel Preached by Paul (1:10 - 2:21)

- A. Paul's Gospel was independent of men. (1:10-16)
- B. Paul's Gospel was independent of the other apostles. (1:17-19)
- C. Paul's Gospel was independent of the church of Judea. (1:20-24)
- D. Paul's Gospel was equal to those who taught to the Circumcision. (2:1-10)
- E. Paul's rebuke of other Apostles who did not properly handle the new Gospel (2:11-14a)

II. The Superiority of the Gospel and Justification by Faith (2:14b – 3:29)

- A. Paul's Dissertation on the Gospel of Christ, 2:14b-18
- B. Paul is Dead to the Law, 2:19-21
- C. Paul Refuting Continuing in Old Law, 3:2-4:27
 - a. 3:2-5, Where did the Holy Spirit come?
 - b. 3:6-9, Abraham was justified by Faith, without the Law
 - c. 3:10-13, The Law brought a curse
 - d. 3:15-18, Law could not change the Promise to Abraham
 - e. 3:19-25, So What was the purpose of the Law?
 - 3:19-22, Because of Transgressions
 - 3:23-25, School Master
 - f. 3:26-29, They are now Adopted Children

III. Bondage Analogies (4:1-27)

- A. A young child (schoolmaster), 4:1-11
 - a. A young child is under tutors and Governors, 4:1-3
 - b. They are of age and released from Bondage, 4:4-7
 - c. Fear that they would return to Bondage, 4:8-11
- B. Exhortations to the Christians, 4:12-20
- C. Isaac & Ishmael Bondage Analogy, 4:21-23
- D. Covenant of Sinai & Jerusalem above Bondage Analogy, 4:24-27

IV. Responsibility to Stand in the Freedom of the Gospel (5:1 - 6:10)

- A. The call to stand fast in the freedom of Christ. (5:1)
- B. The danger of falling from grace. (5:2-12)
- C. The warfare between the Spirit and the flesh. (5:13-23)
- D. Walking in and Sowing to the Spirit. (5:24-6:10)
 - The Fallen Christian
 - The Burdened Christian
 - The Teacher
 - The Destitute

Conclusion (6:11-18)

- A. Final Exhortations (6:11-17)
- B. Farewell (6:18)