

SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST ALONE

Galatians 1

Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- What happens when you accidentally use the wrong ingredient in a recipe? For instance, if you accidentally use salt instead of sugar (or vice versa)?
- Who taught you about salvation?

In Galatians, the apostle Paul adamantly emphasizes the importance and power of salvation by grace through Jesus Christ alone. Paul is clear, nothing is required from us for our salvation. Join us as we study Galatians 1 to examine what makes Christianity transformative and reflect with us on how this incredible truth continues to benefit us today.

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Reflection

After listening, consider:

- Have you ever experienced the Passing of the Peace in a worship service? What was the experience like? In segment 1, host Scott Hoezee called The Passing of the Peace "a great, great summary of the gospel" because it reminds us that "through the grace we have received through Jesus, all our relationships are mended; we are starting to get in right relationship with God, with each other, with the whole creation...passing the peace reminds us of that every week when we are in worship." How does Scott's explanation impact your understanding of such an intentional worship practice as The Passing of the Peace?
- Reread Galatians 1:3-4. Why do you think this text caused Scott to say that the apostle Paul's favorite
 prepositional phrase is: in Christ? How would you explain to someone what Paul means when he says
 we are "in Christ"?
- As Scott and host Darrell Delaney discuss Galatians 1:6-10, they also discuss Acts 15:19-29. This text shows that the other apostles came to the same conclusion as Paul did: Gentile believers did not need to follow Jewish customs before they could be fully Christian. The Acts 15 passage says "we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles" (v.19) and "it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements..." (v.28). Do you think there are ways today that established Christians make it difficult for new believers who are turning to God? Why or why not?

Related Passages

- Acts 10
- John 10:1-21

- Acts 15:1-35
- Acts 9:1-31
- 2 Corinthians 10
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Acts 17:10-12

Conclusion

nd Darrell discussed three important takeaways for our faith found in Galatians 1:

- 1. The importance of the authenticity of the gospel message as we receive it, as we proclaim it, as we live it out.
- 2. The transformative power of God in our lives.
- 3. The need to stand firm in our faith...to cultivate a steadfast commitment to the pure message of Christianity and the Bible.

Reflect and pray over those lessons from Galatians 1. Ask for the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of growth and opportunities for you to nurture and deepen the roots of your faith.

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