

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A PILGRIM'S WALK THROUGH

THE NEW TESTAMENT

GALATIANS



Reading: Galatians 1: 1 - 9

Introduction

- The book of Acts records Paul's 3 lengthy missionary journeys.
- Chapters [13 & 14] record part of his first trip with Barnabas.
- In this section they visit the region of Galatia (SE Turkey).
- In the cities, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra and Derbe churches are planted.
- This letter is addressed to this parish of churches.
- The letter is composed of 6 chapters and 149 verses.

1 The Reason For The Letter

- The Galatian believers were being '*seduced*' away from Christ. [1:6], [3:1], [5:7].
- Some had wormed their way into the church preaching a '*different/perverted*' gospel.
- We **MUST** get the gospel right today.

2 Defining The True Gospel

- The true gospel must have the true Jesus at its core.
- If He's not virgin born, sinless, fully God and fully Man, dying and rising again it's a different Jesus and a perverted gospel.

- On the cross our sins were placed on Him and accordingly He paid the penalty for them.
- God's wrath was satisfied and forgiveness and salvation procured on the basis of God's grace.
- This salvation is received on the basis of faith in what Christ has DONE.
- Not because of what we have done. [Ephesians 2:8].
- The '*Judahisers*' were insisting '*works*' were needed.
- The works they had in mind was keeping the law.
- Paul was having none of that. That was a different gospel. [2:16].

3 The Purpose Of The Law

- No one has ever kept the Law (except Christ).
- The purpose of the Law is to show us our sins and convince us of our guilt before God.
- The law then chases us away to Christ for mercy. [3:24].
- We are justified by faith in Christ alone. That is our boast.

4 The Doctrine Of Adoption

- We are not only saved and justified, we are '*adopted*' as God's own dear children too.
- We are also then '*joint heirs*' with Christ.
- We are not fostered - we are adopted. That's permanent.

5 How Does Your Garden Grow?

- [5:19 - 23] Those who are adopted grow fruit in the garden of their lives, those who aren't grow weeds.
- [6:7] What you sow in the garden of your life you will also reap. Be careful what you sow.

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