



Sermon Title: *Only One Gospel*

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Text: Galatians 1:1-5

Main Point

Galatians tells us that what Christ did *is* the only basis by which God saves us.

Quotes

“A transaction took place on the cross. We were the ones who deserved to die because we owe God an infinite debt for our sin. But Christ took our place on the cross. He became our substitute, our sin offering. He gathered up all our sins, put them on his own shoulders, and paid for them with his death. It enabled God to forgive us by satisfying his pure justice.” Phil Ryken

“The cross had been in God’s mind from all eternity. Thus it demonstrated the love of God as well as the love of Christ. The willingness of the Son to give himself was in response to the Father’s will. The Father does not love us because the Son died for us. Rather the Son died for us because the Father loves us. The cross of Christ had its origin in the Father’s heart.” Phil Ryken

Key Ideas

* God has written a letter to me because He cares about me

*Galatians tells us that the gospel is God's message

*Galatians tells us that God has acted through His Son to rescue us

Application

1. Read Galatians 1:1-5.

2. Before we look at what Paul said, let us first consider how Paul said it. What kind of book is Galatians?

Why is it important to know how Galatians is written and its background? What do you do when you receive a letter from a loved one? How do you read it? Do you pay attention to the details? Do you respond?

In the same way, how do I come out of my time reading God's word? Am I more conscious of the fact God is writing to one He loves or am I more conscious of my performance before God? How am I viewing His written word?

3. As you review verses 1-5, why is Paul writing this letter? What was the occasion for the letter? By defending his apostleship, Paul is refuting his opponents' charge that he was an imposter; he protects and defends the message he was sent to God to preach: the gospel

Like Paul, the church is called to faithfully deliver the message that is there - already written in Scripture. Galatians tells me that the gospel is from God. We are not to be the originator, but the deliverer.

Is the authority and centrality of Scripture being preserved in my life? Is the gospel being present in a central and rightful place?

4. Galatians tells us that God has acted through His Son to rescue us. Do you remember what the gospel of Christ is according to Paul?

-WHO went to the cross

-the WHY of the cross

-the EFFECT of the cross

-the PEOPLE for whom Jesus went to the cross

As you review this last point, ask yourself: What has Christ done that has rescued me? Be specific and clear.

If I know what He has done to rescue me, am I putting my trust or hope in God? Remember Bauer's illustration; is my FULL WEIGHT in Him and Him alone?

What am I more aware of today, this week? What God has DONE for me or my response and what I am called to do?

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