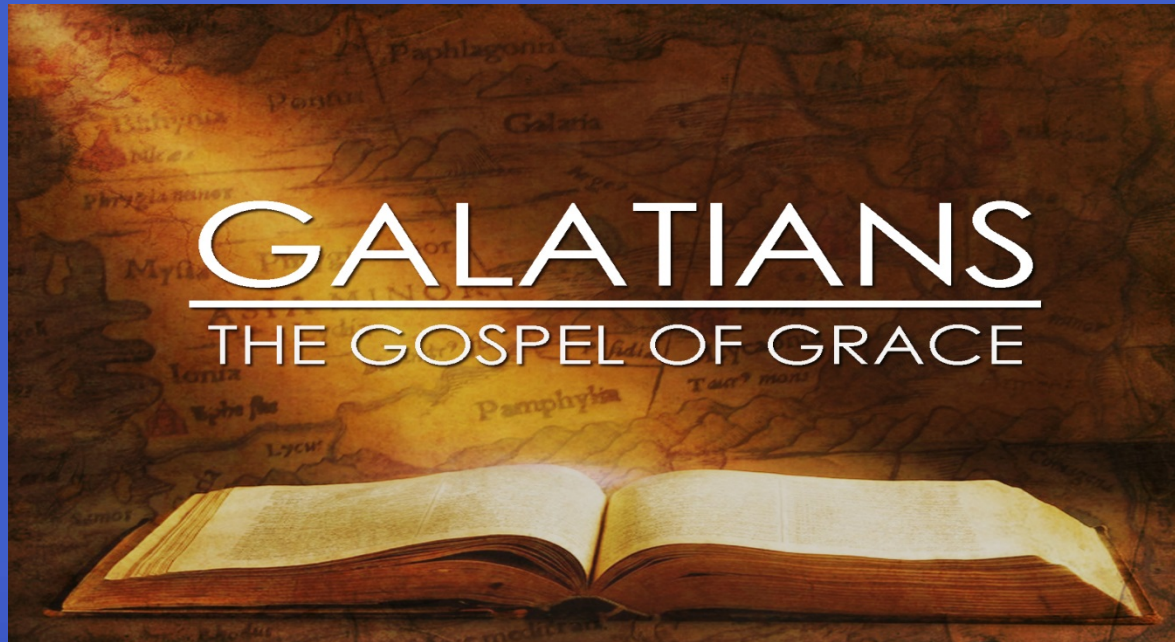


Paul's Epistle to the Galatians



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The Text:

Galatians 3:10-22!

The Title:

***Choosing between
Legalism & Liberty!***

The Theme:

The Gospel of Jesus Christ!

The Section Outline!

- I. (1:1-10) The Prologue to the Galatians!
- II. (1:11-2:21) The Personal defense of Paul!
- III. (3:1-4:31) The Polemic argument of Paul!

In chapters 3 and 4 Paul defends the truth that a man is justified before God by grace through faith and not by the works of the Law! To defend this truth Paul uses five arguments:

- A. (3:1-5) The argument from experience.
- B. (3:6-9) The argument from Abraham.
- C. (3:10-4:11) The argument from the Law.
- D. (4:12-20) The argument from personal testimony.
- E. (4:21-31) The argument from an allegory.

The Setting for Today's Message:

Having established the fact that justification before God is by faith in Christ alone (in 3:1-9), Paul now builds on the argument he established.

1st) In (3:1-5) he reminded the believers in Galatian of their personal salvation experience through 5 questions.

2nd) In (3:6-9) he refuted the Judaizer's claim that salvation (favor with God) is gained through human efforts or works.

In the section now before us (3:10-4:11), Paul will prove that it is illogical for a believer to rely on his works and to reject God's grace. To do this Paul turns from the comfort and compassion of God's grace and to the curse that comes (to all men) through the Law.

Last Week's Sermon Outline:

I. (3:1-5) The Argument from **EXPERIENCE!**

Here Paul's defense of God's Gospel rested upon **five questions**:

- A. (v.1) Who caused you to stray so far from the truth?
- B. (v.2) How did you receive the Spirit?
- C. (v.3) How is a person sanctified before God?
- D. (v.4) Did you suffer for your faith in vain?
- E. (v.5) On what basis did God perform signs in you?

II. (3:6-9) The Argument from **ABRAHAM!**

Here Paul refutes the Judaizer's claim that father Abraham was saved by keeping the Law. In these verses Paul showed that father Abraham was **saved when he believed God and His promise.**

This Week's Sermon Outline:

- I. (3:1-5) The Argument from **EXPERIENCE!**
- II. (3:6-9) The Argument from **ABRAHAM!**
- III. (3:10-4:11) The Argument from the **LAW!**

Note: The argument is set before us through contrast!

- A. (3:10-12) The effect of works.
- B. (3:13-14) The efficiency of Christ.
- C. (3:15-18) The permanence of Faith.
- D. (3:19-22) The impermanence of the Law.

Applying the Truth from Today's Sermon!

1. Salvation is an either/or proposition!

Either we accept God's salvation by grace through faith alone, or we don't accept it at all. There is no alternatives in the Savior's eyes – John 14:6!

1. Deliverance from the Law's curse depends on Christ!

To be saved, we cannot do anything but place our trust in Jesus and His finished work on the cross. – Ephesian 2:8-9!

3. The protection of grace is not altered by the demands of the Law!

The Law shouts at us, Guilty! Judged! Condemned!

The grace of God comforts us by proclaiming, "This is the way to complete forgiveness and full reconciliation with God." – John 3:16!

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