

## Galatians 1:1-23

### The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

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**Theme-** Christ's death has brought a new covenant 3:23

**Gal 3:11** *Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, the righteous shall live by faith.*

Any religion that is focused on works for salvation *is not* the Gospel. Gospel means good news! We are not saved by our works or deeds. In fact, our works show us that we deserve punishment from God. God knew this. He knew our works would condemn us. So, He sent Jesus to be our Savior.

**John 3:16-17** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

**Gal 3:23** *Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

**Gal 4:4** *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

**We are justified by Christ alone, not obedience to the law. We are saved by faith in Jesus.**

The church in Galatia had a problem. Some Jews in the church were spreading false teaching. They were teaching that men in the church needed to be circumcised. They were pushing people back to the old covenant. A motive for this could have either been tradition or pridefulness in these leaders who wanted prestige with the Jewish authorities by showing that they could convert Gentiles into some form of Judaism.

**Vs 1-5 Paul had Apostolic calling and authority. He was called and appointed into ministry by God.**

**There were false teachers in this church that were men, sent by man. Paul had more authority and understanding because of his personal apostolic calling from the risen Jesus.**

**The church is the people saved by grace through faith in Jesus. *We are the church.***

**Jesus was our sin substitute. Christ is a substitute for all Christians! Christ brings us into a new realm of FREEDOM and LIFE**

1. Freedom from sin
2. Freedom from the law or rules
3. Freedom from shame
4. Freedom with access to God and God's holy family
5. Life from death (eternal life with God and other believers)
6. Life on this earth doing what we were created to do (give God glory and make disciples)
7. Life in the Spirit directed by God instead of being lost and seeking self.

**Vs 6-10** Paul left the church he had planted. He gave them freedom in Christ and they deserted that in order to follow a false religion and bind or shackle themselves with works. They should know better.

**IF ANYONE PREACHES ANY GOSPEL TO YOU DIFFERENT THAN SAVED BY FAITH, MAY THEY BE CURSED TO HELL.**

We must be careful to only preach saved through faith in Jesus. Not saved by anything else.

Other religions have a different gospel, and it is a gospel of doing good to earn God and heaven.

**Our life does not consist of pleasing people, but by pleasing Christ. If we live in a way that pleases Christ it will please and impact people.**

**Do you try to do good deeds to impress people?**

**Do you strive to live a godly life out of worship and thankfulness to God for Jesus' sacrifice?**

**2 Corinthians 7:10-13** *For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter. 12 So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God. 13 Therefore we are comforted.*

**In Christ, we are not bad. We are adopted, saved, forgiven, and completely right with God. When we are in Christ and we sin, we are not bad. Sin is bad and we need to thank God for already forgiving us, and we need to ask Jesus to help rescue us from that sin and deliver us into a better life (sanctification).**

**In Jesus, I'm not bad, sin is bad. No more shame!**

**Vs 11-24 This Gospel message is from God Himself. We can preach it with confidence and authority!**

Someone might try to oppose the true Gospel, but that is not from God. We must be cautious of anyone trying to point us to anything other than saved by faith in Jesus. NO WORKS. Faith!

**Someone can only be saved if the Spirit of God woos them or draws them. Salvation is from God!**

Your salvation is between you and God. No man or action can save you. Only God can save you by drawing you and convicting you with His Spirit. Man proclaims truth. Faith in Jesus saves!

It was obvious that Saul had been saved by faith in Jesus because his life was transformed and changed.

*Gather ~ Praise ~ Pray ~ Grow ~ Serve*