Letters of Paul

Fulfilling the Law of Christ through Love

Sojourners Fellowship

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Galatians Recap

Book Theme: "Justification is by grace through faith in Jesus alone and not by works of God's Law"

or even more simply...."Justification by Faith Alone"

- I. Justification by Faith Alone Defended (1–2)
- II. Justification by Faith Alone Explained (3-4)
- III. Justification by Faith Alone Applied (5–6)

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 - A. Greeting and Introduction (1:1-5)

Gal. 1:3-5 "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen."

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 - A. Greeting and Introduction (1:1-5)
 - B. The Reason for Writing (1:6-9)

Gal. 1:6-7 "I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ"

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 - A. Greeting and Introduction (1:1-5)
 - B. The Reason for Writing (1:6-9)
 - C. Paul's Defense of His Apostleship (1:10-2:21)
 - 1) The Source of Paul's Gospel: (1:11-24)
 - Gal. 1:12 "For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ."

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Gal. 2:9 "and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, so that we might go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised."

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 - 3) The Center of Paul's Gospel (2:11-21)

Gal. 2:16 "nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified"

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- II. Justification by Faith Alone Explained (3–4) (Paul's Defense of the Gospel)
 - A. Justification by Faith Alone Is the Only Way (3:1-14)
 Gal. 3:11 "Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "The righteous man shall live by faith.""

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 Gal. 3:24-26 "Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ"

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Gal 4:6-7 "Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God."

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 - D. Christians Enjoy The Freedom of God's Promise (4:21-31)
 - Gal. 4:28, 31 "And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise.... So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the free woman."

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 - 1) A Call Not to Legalism or License, But to Liberty (5:1-15)

Gal. 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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Gal 5: 24-25 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."

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THEME: Having been saved through faith in the true gospel of Christ, Christians live out their new nature by humbly caring for one another in love.

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 - a) Restoring the Fallen (1a)
 - b) Helping the Burdened (2)

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 - 2) With what attitude? (1-5)
 - a) Dependence on the Spirit (1b)
 - b) Gentleness (1c)
 - c) Christ-Like Love (2)
 - d) Humility (1, 3-5)
 - i. Awareness of your own weakness (1c)
 - ii. Honest Self-Evaluation (3-4)
 - iii. Remembering Your Own Responsivities (5)

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 - A. Humbly Care for Each Others' Souls (1-5)
 - B. Humbly Care for Each Others' Needs (6-10)
 - 1) Take Care of the Teachers with Your Goods (6)
 - 2) Take Care How You Use Your Goods (7-8)
 - 3) Take Heart As You Use Your Goods (9)
 - 4) Take Care of All People, Especially Fellow Christians (10)

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 - 1) Avoiding Persecution (12)
 - 2) Prideful Boasting (13)

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 - 1) Glorifying Christ (14)
 - 2) Gospel Transformation (15)

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 - C. A Reminder of Paul's Real Motivation (14-15)
 - D. A Reminder of the Blessings of Salvation (16)
 - E. A Reminder of Paul's Apostolic Authenticity (17)
 - F. A Reminder of Paul's Care for the Galatians (18)