

Galatians 1 study guide

- 1) Who is the author of this book?
- 2) How does he describe himself?
- 3) What is an apostle?
- 4) For those who would like a challenging question: In your own words state why Paul would have described himself that way. Vs.1
- 5) To whom is the letter written?
- 6) Look in the back of your Bible and locate this area. It is good to be familiar with the areas mentioned in the Bible. If you were with us for our study of the book of Acts you will remember that Paul visited this area on his first missionary journey.
- 7) What cities do you suppose Paul is referring to when he says the churches of Galatia? Use your map of Paul's 1st missionary journey and write down the names of these cities.
- 8) How does Paul start off this letter of correction to the churches of Galatia? What is the mood? Vs.3
- 9) What can we learn from his example when we need to confront a Christian friend or family member?
- 10) What is Paul's stated desire for these brethren? Vs.3
- 11) Define grace:
- 12) Define peace:
- 13) According to verses 4-5 what was Christ purpose?
- 14) In Matthew 1:23 (quote from Is.7:14) what was his name to be? What was the meaning of that name? Does knowing this name and it's meaning strengthen your walk?
- 15) By what authority did all this happen? Vs. 4
- 16) Let's think for a minute...verse 4 says He "gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age" but we are still in this world even after our sins are forgiven. What does the Apostle Paul mean by this statement? Who are we influenced by in this evil age that we would need deliverance from?
- 17) What are we saved to do? God must have a further plan for us or he would have immediately taken us home to be with him. Where does your loyalty lie? Think back over the last month. Who have you been busy serving?

18) In verse 6-9 Paul begins his purpose for writing them. What problem is he addressing?

Paul is writing them after his first missionary journey, their church has only been established for a brief period. Paul had been there just a short time before and already what has happened?

19) Paul makes the observation that no matter who brings a different gospel, how are they to be considered? Paul repeats himself, look up this word in the Greek.

20) How important is it for us to remain faithful to the truth we know?

John 8:32 "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Matthew 25:21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

21) Matthew 6:24 and Luke 16:13 both clearly teaches the same principle that Paul is teaching here; what is it?

22) Paul shares his personal testimony here in verses 11-19; list the facts as he shares them.

23) Where was Paul when the Lord appeared to him? Acts 9

24) Who is the initiator of the relationship between Paul and Jesus? What do you base your answer on?

25) Paul tells us a detail we did not see when we studied Acts 9. He says that he went to Arabia to be alone with the Lord. This took place between Acts 9:25 and Acts 9:26. How long did he remain there with the Lord? Vs.18

26) Paul mentions meeting Peter in verse 18. (John 1:42) Cephas was his Aramaic name, Peter was his Greek name (means rock). In Bible times God frequently changed a person's name to indicate their special calling. Jesus gave him this new name not because of what he was at that moment but what he would become for Christ. Jesus sees what we can be. What do you suppose he is seeing for you?

27) After his time in Jerusalem (_____ days vs.18) where does the Apostle Paul say he went?

28) What type of things were being said about Paul at this time? What wonderful thing did the changed life of the Apostle Paul bring about? Vs.24

29) Does the way you live cause others to praise God? If not, what needs to change?

30) What have you learned from your time in this chapter about God?

31) How will you apply this truth to your own life? Take some time to pray and ask God to show you how to apply it. We are not just studying so we can finish the book. Our desire should be to be transformed by the renewing of our mind so we may discern God's good and acceptable and perfect will. (Romans 12:1)