

CBC BIBLE STUDY

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Galatians—Pearls to be Pondered

1. PAUL AN APOSTLE

- A. Authority and Integrity questioned
- B. Defense of Apostleship
- C. Directly commissioned by Jesus Christ

1. PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP

- A. Brothers and Sisters
- B. Churches of Galatians probably founded by Paul in first missionary journey

1. INTRODUCTION OF THE GOSPEL

- A. General Greeting (Grace and Peace)
- B. The Good News
- C. Turning Away (Toward the Law)
- D. At risk of losing God's Grace and Peace

E. Cursing of those offering a false gospel (no gospel at all)

Galatians 1:8-9 NLT

“Let God’s curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you. I say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed.”

F. Goal/Aim is to please God

Matthew 22:36-40 NLT

“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

1. GOD’S APPROVAL IS WHAT MATTERS!

A. Fidelity to the Word of God

Acts 5:29 NLT

“But Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.”

Ephesians 6:6-8 NLT

“Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free.”

1. THE MESSAGE

- A. Not based on human reasoning
- B. Direct revelation from Jesus Christ (beginning with his being called)
- C. Pre-Condition vs Post Condition

1. CHOSEN BY GOD

- A. Chosen before I was born
- B. Revelation of Jesus
- C. To proclaim the Good News