

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

June 27, 2021

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Acts 21:18-26

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Message: *A Fool and God's Grace Are Soon Parted*
(Galatians 1:6-9)

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Announcements:

Our Fall Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 12. Mark your calendar, and be watching for confirmation of this date in upcoming bulletins.

This morning we continue our new study of *Paul's Epistle to the Galatians*. These messages will go into the new grace reference Bible that we are preparing at *Berean Bible Society*, so be sure to share any feedback you might have with the pastor about these messages.

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone

Galatians 1:1-5 *Paul's Introduction to Galatians*

Paul doesn't *always* introduce himself as "an apostle" (1:1), but he did to the Corinthians (ICor.1:1; IICor.1:1) because they were *doubting* his apostleship (ICor.9:1,2). He wouldn't have had to write things like that if they *weren't* doubting his apostleship. And the Galatians must *also* have been doubting it, or he wouldn't have to say it wasn't "of men, neither by man."

"Of men" means that men weren't the *source* of his apostle-ship, as it does when the Lord asked Israel's leaders if John's baptism was "from heaven, *or of men?*" So Paul was saying men weren't the source of his apostleship. But "neither *by man*" is talking about *instrumentality*, not source. That is, God didn't *use men* to make him an apostle. Later he answers *that* by saying he didn't get it from the 12 (Gal.1:17).

Now the *Corinthians* doubted Paul's apostleship because he didn't look or sound like they thought an apostle should look and sound (IICor.10:10). But the Galatians doubted it because he had taught them what he taught the Romans, that we are saved by grace without the law (Rom.3:21-28). But after he preached that for a few years, the Jews were alarmed, and got together in what is called "The Jerusalem Council" to decide if Paul was a legitimate apostle sent by God, and if his new message of grace was *also* from God (Acts 15:1-6).

Saved Jews like James recognized Paul's apostleship was legit (Acts 15:19), as did the leaders of the 12 (Gal.2:9), and ever after that they quit telling Gentiles they had to keep the law to be saved. But *unsaved* Jews didn't agree with the council, so they *kept* telling Gentiles that, including the Galatians. Those legalizers were probably telling them Paul's apostleship was of men—the *men of the Jerusalem Council*, who *mistakenly* made him an apostle.

But they didn't *make* Paul an apostle, they just "saw" that he "was" one (Gal.2:7).

They were probably also saying that *God the Father* would not have sent Paul to be an apostle to preach grace not law, for He's the One who *gave* Moses the law. And they were probably *also* saying *Christ* wouldn't have made him an ap-ostle to preach grace not law, for Christ sent *His* apostles out to preach law, not grace (Mt.23:1-3;28:20)!

They may also have pointed out that Paul wasn't made an apostle *until after Christ had died*, prompting Paul to say he was made an apostle by Christ and "God the Father, who raised Him from the dead" (1:4). He told the Romans that he received "grace and apostleship" from Christ after He rose from the dead (Rom.1:3,4), and sent him to preach *grace* to "all nations," not law, like He sent the 12 to preach to "all nations" (Mt.28:20).

Galatia was not a city, it was a "region" (Acts 16:6), and regions had *many* cities (cf.Deut.3:4). Galatia was kind of like it's own "country" (Acts 18:22,23), and so may have had *many* "churches" (Gal.1:2). If Paul was writing this letter of correction all of them, that shows how widespread the apostasy from grace was, even before Paul died.

But while Paul *burned* when people angered him like this (II Cor.11:29), he offered the Galatians *grace and peace* (1:3), because that's what *God* offers us when we anger *Him*. Paul's flesh wanted to *judge* them and *declare war on them* for this apostasy, but offered them the *opposite* of judgment and war instead. This is similar to what we should do when men anger us, and to what God the Father did when He got good and mad at our sins. He sent His Son to die for them.

Galatians 1:4 says the Lord "gave Himself" for our sins to deliver us "from this *present* evil world," not just the *future* evil world of hell. He *did* die to delivers us "from all

iniquity" (Tit.2:14), but *also* to "purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" now, in this *present* evil world. Today it is God's *grace* that teaches us how to deny ungodliness (Tit.2:11,12).

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Ricky Kurth

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

Myrtle Harrison

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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