

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

GOSPEL CRISIS Galatians 1:1-10

Main Thought: Hold fast to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the freedom it provides and don't add to it or deviate from it.

1. THE _____ . (vv 1-5)

1) The _____ of the _____ is the Apostle _____.

2) The _____ are the _____ in _____.

3) The opening greeting _____ the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the _____ of the book.

2. THE _____ . (vv 6-10)

1) _____ teachers had come into the church.

2) They were teaching a _____ gospel. (Christ plus obedience to the Old Testament _____).

3) They were _____ Paul's _____.

4) Paul _____ them in the strongest terms.

5) God's _____ and people's _____ are Paul's only _____.

3. _____ TO BE _____ -.

1) We need to have a _____ understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and _____ it.

2) We need to stand for _____ and expose _____.

3) We must not _____ the Gospel but _____ it to change _____.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read through the Book of Galatians.
2. What themes, concepts, principles stand out to you?
3. Read Galatians 1:1-10.
4. Who is the Apostle Paul? Why does he say he was sent by Jesus Christ and God the Father and not by men?
5. Where is Galatia? Why is Paul writing to the churches in Galatia? How did those churches get started? What kinds of people live in Galatia? (See Acts 13 & 14)
6. What theological concepts does the Apostle Paul emphasize in his opening greeting to the churches in Galatia?
7. Why do you think Paul stresses these concepts right at the beginning of his letter? Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ important? What are grace and peace and how do we ultimately experience them? Why is it important to understand that Jesus gave himself for our sins to rescue us?
8. What is Paul concerned about when it comes to the churches in Galatia?
9. What is the genuine Gospel of Jesus Christ? What are its key components?
10. What different gospel was being taught by some false teachers in the churches in Galatia?
11. What are some examples of false gospels that are taught today?
12. What does Paul say should happen to those who are teaching false gospels? Why?
13. What is Paul's motivation in writing the Galatians to correct this false gospel?
14. What lessons can we learn from this passage to apply to our lives today?