

Gal. 5:1; 6:9 STAND fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENT

COMPARING GALATIANS WITH HEBREWS

Memory Verse: Gal. 5:1; 6:9

Lesson #3

Lesson Text: Acts 15; Galatians 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

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- I. Teachers. Acts 15:1-2, 5-6, 23-24; Gal. 2:12
- A. From Judea.
1. They were the Judaizing teachers who came down from Judea to Antioch. They were law keeping believers.
 2. They were of the sect of the Pharisees which believed and taught that Gentiles should, like the Jews, be circumcised. Acts 15:5
 3. They held that one could not even be saved unless he received the rite of circumcision. Acts 15:1
- B. What Is Circumcision?. Jer. 4:4-10; 9:26; Rom. 2:29
1. A rite representing something spiritual - the purification of the heart.
- II. Who Were Affected By The False Teachers?
- A. The Whole Church At Galatia. Gal. 1:6; 3:1-5
1. Being easily removed showed they were weak Christians. They quickly deserted Christ and turned to a different gospel.
 2. God gave them the Spirit and worked miracles among them. One would have to be bewitched to turn away from such. Gal 3:5
- B. Old or New Covenant. Gal. 5:1-7
1. If one goes back to keep the law (circumcision) he is under obligation to keep the whole contract. Gal. 5:1; Gal. 3:10-12; 5:3; James 2:10
 2. Seeking to be justified by law makes grace of no effect. Gal. 5:2
- III. How The False Teachers Deceived the Galatians.
- A. The Gospel of The Circumcision. Gal. 2:7; Acts 15:1-29
1. So-called because of its particular adaptation of Jews.
 2. Jews were allowed to practice certain old Mosaic practices not imposed upon Gentiles. Acts 28:22
- B. The Gospel of The Uncircumcision.
- C. Persecution.
1. Paul was constantly persecuted by the Jews for preaching the cross.
 2. Weak Christians were tempted to turn to Judaism so they could escape persecution.
- D. Trying To Reach Perfection (Spiritual Maturity). Gal. 5:2-4
1. By adding the works of the law to Christ.
 2. They got this idea from the false brothers who came down from Judea.
 3. They did not realize it but instead of being perfected, they were fallen from grace by trying to do an impossible thing.

Objectives:

1. Understand the Galatians were not like the Hebrews.
2. They were not trying to denounce Christ, only avoid persecution by adopting certain aspects of the law to look like Jewish Christians.
3. Understand that Paul does not accuse them of willfully sinning, they were bewitched.