

FREEDOM

(For FREEDOM Christ has set us free! Gal 5:1)

desert breeze
community church



Saturday & Sunday, September 5/6, 2015

Galatians 1:6-12 “Astonished by the Gospel”

There is no greater feeling on earth than being FREE! And nothing will make you FREE like the Gospel. There is no past hurt that can't be healed or addiction that can't be broken or problem that can't be overcome through the Gospel. If you're not astonished by the Gospel, then you don't know the Gospel.

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The tone is anger because false teachers have infiltrated these churches that Paul has planted and these Christians are losing their grip on the gospel.

Six Tests (characteristics) that you understand and are living in the reality of the Gospel.

The Gospel is...

A Power that gets a Hold of You

V6a “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ...” Rom1:16; Heb4:12; Gal2:20

“Grace of Christ” is a synonym for the gospel.

“Called” = Gr. kaleo – it is more than an invitation, it's an intervention.

A Message That Humbles & Builds You

V7 “some who...want to distort the gospel of Christ...” Eph2:8-9; James1:9-10

“Distort” = means to reverse, to change the order.

A Truth that Grounds You

Vv8-9 “But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed...”

Vv11-12 “I received this Gospel through a revelation of Jesus Christ”

Acts9; John1:14; 2Pet1:16

An Identity that liberates You

V10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Pro29:25

A Cosmic Drama that Astounds You

vv8-9 “...let him be accursed.” (v4 to deliver us from this present evil age)
John10:10; Eph6:12; Pro24:11; Jude 23

A Relationship that Satisfies You

V6a “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you...”
Jn17:3; Phil1:21; 1Jn3:1; Ps34:8

Growing Notes

- 1)** The Gospel isn't good advice but good news. What's the difference? Do you think it's fair to say that if a person isn't astonished by the Gospel than they don't really understand the Gospel? Explain.
- 2)** The topic is the “Gospel” mentioned 6xs in 6 verses. The tone is anger because false teachers have infiltrated these churches that Paul has planted and these Christians are losing their grip on the gospel. Read Galatians 1:6-12. What stands out to you?
- 3)** Why is Paul so “astonished” (v6)? What does Paul say about anyone who preaches a gospel that is contrary to the one he preached to them (vv8-9)? Where did Paul get his Gospel message (vv10-12)?
- 4)** How important is Gospel truth to you? How is this shown in your life? Review the six tests (characteristics) of what it looks like to live Gospel truth. Which one(s) most resonate with you? Why will understanding the true gospel produce anger at false “gospels”? Pray db continues to be a Gospel saturated church!