

# BOOK OF GALATIANS

## *“Him Who Calls You”*

Scripture Reading: GALATIANS 5:2-12

- ) **SLIDES 1-6.** Bible Jeopardy!
- ) **SLIDES 7-9.** Read today’s Scripture text.
- ) **SLIDE 10.** Today we continue in our expository study of the Book of GALATIANS. This is message #35. I have titled today’s message *“Him Who Calls You”* (v8).
- ) You either believe in a God-centered theology or a man-centered theology. You either believe God is sovereign, or man is sovereign. You either believe God made a choice for you in salvation (elect), or you made a choice for Him.
- ) Since October 21, 2007, my first day here at BGCC, I have been preaching a God-centered theology. And I always will preach a God-centered theology. It’s what the Bible teaches.
- ) Where you stand on this issue makes a major difference in 1) how you interpret Scripture, 2) how you think about the security of your salvation and 3) how you view the Christian walk and 4) your view of God and man.
- ) And it makes a major difference in how the apostle Paul views the Galatians and their stand as Christians. Are they truly Christians? And this circumcision issue will define that.
- ) Last week we covered verses 2-6 but spent most of our time in verse 4. We asked the question: *“Can a true believer fall from grace (lose their salvation)?”* And that answer is, *“No, they cannot.”* One who professes the faith but does not possess the faith will fall from grace. Why?
- ) **SLIDE 11.** The parable of the soils. Explain. MATT 13:20-21. Affliction and persecution.

- ) **SLIDE 12.** MATTHEW 13:22. Worries of the world (or in the case of the Galatians the threat of circumcision) and the deceitfulness of wealth.
- ) These people are called apostates. They fall from a professed faith. Could some of these Galatians be apostates? Absolutely. There always has and always will be apostates.
- ) We covered verses 2 through 6 last week, but I want to do a quick review of those verses and then move on to verses 7 through 12. I will be doing a quick explanation of each verse.
- ) **SLIDE 13.** GALATIANS 5:2.
- ) **SLIDE 14.** There are those who condone and endorse women pastors. 1 TIMOTHY 2:12. And one reason they give is that Paul uses the word “I” in this verse. It’s Paul speaking and not God speaking.
- ) **SLIDE 15.** GALATIANS 5:2. If you use that logic in 1TIM, then you must use that logic here. And if you do, that makes this entire text, if not this entire book, fall to pieces. Because it’s just Paul speaking and not God speaking. No, it’s God speaking. Let’s move on.
- ) If you want to follow the pathway of works (in this case circumcision because that’s what the false teachers were teaching) for your salvation, then the sacrifice of Christ means nothing. Christ does not benefit you. You must benefit yourself.
- ) **SLIDE 16.** GALATIANS 5:3. And if works (circumcision) is the path you take, then you better keep the entire law. Because that is what you will be judged by. The law.
- ) **SLIDE 17.** GALATIANS 5:4. Last week’s message focused on this verse. People who fall from grace are called apostates. Judas. They profess the faith but never really possess the faith. They have tasted all the benefits of grace, but because of affliction and persecution have fallen from that grace.

- ) **SLIDE 18.** GALATIANS 5:5. The true believer has the Holy Spirit and knows that their righteousness comes through faith in Christ alone and not trying to attain it themselves.
- ) **SLIDE 19.** GALATIANS 5:6. Forget about circumcision. It means nothing if you have it or not. Only thing that matters is your faith in Christ alone because of His love for you.
- ) **SLIDE 20.** GALATIANS 5:7. Paul knows how he left the Galatians 5 years prior. He got them off to a good start. He sowed the seed. They seemed to be eager for the good news of Jesus Christ. They seemed to be running well.
- ) Now he wants to know who is teaching this false doctrine. I don't know if he is looking for specific names or not. But this false teaching must stop. People's eternity is at stake here. Importance?
- ) **SLIDE 21.** GALATIANS 5:8. This verse speaks of a very important truth. And this is when you need to decide if you're going to buy into divine election or not. The believer is called by God. They are His elect.
- ) **SLIDE 22.** ROMANS 8:29-30.
- ) **SLIDE 23.** MATTHEW 24:24. The elect are not and cannot be persuaded by false teaching. Him who calls you.
- ) **SLIDE 24.** JOHN 10:4-5. The elect are not and cannot be persuaded by false teaching. Him who calls you.
- ) **SLIDE 25.** GALATIANS 5:9. Paul wants to remind and warn the Galatians that a little leaven (false teaching) could easily permeate the entire church. He uses this same phrase in 1COR 5:6 when he warns the Corinthians to expel the immoral brother before his immoral actions become contagious.
- ) **SLIDE 26.** GAL 5:10. Here Paul is encouraging and optimistic towards the Galatians that they will see their error and go back to a righteousness that is found in faith alone in Christ alone.

- ) But he not so optimistic about the false teacher(s) who are proliferating this false teaching. They will be judged. And it will be harsh.
- ) **SLIDE 27.** JAMES 3:1. It seems like today that everybody and their brother want to be teachers. You do, do you? You better get the teaching right. I'm convinced that there are degrees of hot in hell and false teachers will find themselves in the hottest of hot. Some of these false teachers better have their best life now because it won't be very pleasant later on.
- ) **SLIDE 28.** GALATIANS 5:11. It's as if Paul is saying this: *"Hey, Galatians, if I am still preaching circumcision, then there is no need for the cross of Jesus Christ. Then that means I told you the same thing the false teachers are telling you. So, if that's the case, then why are you persecuting me?"*
- ) But that wasn't the case, was it? When the false teachers came in and spoke their false teachings of works and circumcision to the Galatians, they swayed the people to believe that Paul was the false teacher. He teaches about the cross alone. Let's make him look bad. That's the real reason Paul is getting persecuted for his teaching.
- ) **SLIDE 29.** 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-24. The Jews thought the cross was a stumbling block. The cross of Jesus is not a sign. We need more signs and wonders and the miraculous. The Greeks thought the cross was foolishness. There is no wisdom in the cross of Jesus. Only fools die on crosses. The cross is too simple. By faith is too simple. There must be more.
- ) More signs. More wisdom. And that's why I love the simplicity of the cross. And I hope you do too. One more verse.
- ) **SLIDE 30.** GALATIANS 5:12. This is a very serious.
- ) **SLIDE 31.** Bible translations for "*mutilate themselves.*" Can you tell how upset Paul is with these false teachers?

- ) We must remember that when the apostle Paul wrote this letter, he is under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Can you tell how upset the Holy Spirit is with false teachers? Cut it off. That will teach them.
- ) Paul wants the Galatians to be assured of two things. 1) There are false teachers teaching damning doctrine. 2) But you need not be afraid of them if you have been called by God. Him who calls you. His sheep will never follow a stranger. His sheep will never fall prey to damning doctrine.
- ) If He foreknew you before the foundations of the world, He will predestine you to be conformed into the image of His Son. If He predestined you, He will effectually call you. If He called you, He will justify you. And if He justified you, in the end He will glorify you. What a great promise! Him who calls you.
- ) Rest assured BGCC, if you are one that He has called, God has you in His protective hands and in His protective power and no one or nothing will ever snatch you away. Not even false teachers preaching circumcision or any kind of works as a requirement for salvation.

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