

BOOK OF GALATIANS

“For the Time Will Come”

Scripture Reading: 2 TIMOTHY 4:3-5

-) **SLIDES 1-6.** Bible Jeopardy!
-) Today we’re going to take a break from our study in the Book of GALATIANS and talk about something that needs to be addressed here this morning.
-) **SLIDES 7.** Read today’s Scripture text.
-) **SLIDE 8.** I have titled today’s message *“For the Time Will Come”* (v3).
-) Last week in our study of GALATIANS, I spoke about how the church has allowed the culture to dictate what the church teaches and preaches—how the culture has influenced the church to be politically correct and non-offensive.
-) BGCC, because of this and other things that I am hearing and seeing in our world today, I believe we are seeing the prophetic words of this book, this text, unfold right before our eyes.
-) **SLIDE 9.** Let me read that verse again only with a minor change. *“The time has come, and is here now, when church people will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to hear what they want to hear, they will find and listen to false teachers to suit their own desires and will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to what the culture wants.”*
-) In today’s church, doctrine is no longer important. Give me entertainment. Give me miracles. Give me health, wealth, and prosperity. And give me a church that does not make waves out there in the culture. Let’s be friends with the culture and do what they say. Then we can all just get along. And that way we will avoid persecution. We don’t want that.

-) **SLIDE 10.** Is that what the Bible teaches us? JOHN 15:18-19. If we do church the way we're supposed to do church, we will be hated. We must understand that. We represent, as Christians, all that our culture no longer stands for.
-) **SLIDE 11.** 2 COR 6:14,17. This is a foundational command for the church. We are to separate ourselves from the world; from the culture. We don't listen to the culture. Our mission is for the culture to hear us. Unfortunately, that appears to be a task that many no longer what to undertake.
-) There are many new terms that have become popular in our culture over the past few years. I want to bring seven of them to our attention here this morning. The definitions of these seven terms will all come from WIKIPEDIA. After I present them to you, I will let you know how Beech Grove Christian Church will be responding to these issues.
-) **SLIDE 12.** Critical Race Theory.
-) **SLIDE 13.** Woke.
-) **SLIDE 14.** Intersectionality.
-) **SLIDE 15.** Black Lives Matter.
-) **SLIDE 16.** Homophobia.
-) **SLIDE 17.** Xenophobia.
-) **SLIDE 18.** Racism.
-) **SLIDE 19.** I just presented to you seven different terms that are commonly used in today's culture and in today's media. So, how is the global church responding to these issues?
-) Some mainline denominations and churches are addressing these issues and responding to what the culture is demanding. As a result of this, churches and denominations are being or will be torn apart. People will take sides. It's just another tool in Satan's toolbox to destroy the church from within.

-) So, how will I and this church respond to Critical Race Theory, Wokeness, Intersectionality, Black Lives Matter, Homophobia, Xenophobia, and Racism?
-) BGCC, we are a simple church so here is my simple answer. Nothing changes here. The Word of God has already covered all these issues. And if we are obedient in following what the Word of God commands us to do, we will have confidence that we are responding to all these issues in a godly manner.
-) **SLIDE 20.** 1 JOHN 2:9-11. BGCC, if we stand on this, we will take care of all seven of those issues I just mentioned. They need not be addressed individually or with special care by this church now or at any time in the future.
-) However, let us not forget that to our 21st century culture has turned evil for good and good for evil. Darkness for light and light for darkness. Bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.
-) And because of this, it will appear that we, the true church, are the haters—we are wrong. And if we are following what the Word of God commands, then we will offend the culture because the culture does not understand us or His Word.
-) But our mission is not to please the culture. Our mission is a great commission. To make disciples of all nations. BGCC, we need to stay strong. There will be persecution. Be ready. Be on the watch. Know the Word. Run the race. Keep the faith.
-) **SLIDE 21.** Effective today, these seven terms will now be put behind us. The culture will not dictate to us what we need to preach or how we need to change. Any changes we need to make will come from the Word of God. And if everyone else would do the same, these seven terms would never exist.
-) *“For the time will come.”* Yes, it’s here in the church in America today. And some may turn away their ears from the truth and turn aside to myths. But not us. Not now. Not ever. The truth may not be easy, but it does matter, and it will set you free.

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