

Sermon Outline and Discussion Guide for Adult Bible Study

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A Fiery Letter to Fickle Churches

Galatians 1:1-24

Intro: 'Sola Scriptura' The Supremacy and Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures.

Supreme because their origin is with God.

Sufficient because they fully contain the will of God.

I. A Sermon in a Salutation (vss. 1-5).

"Paul, an Apostle – not from men nor through man but through Jesus Christ..." (vs. 1).

DQ. What does this have to teach us about the false doctrine of 'Apostolic Succession'?

DQ. When people want to discredit a sermon or some point in a sermon, what's the first thing they say?

"and all the brothers who are with me" (vs. 2).

DQ. Why does Paul appeal to the consensus of the brothers?

"to the churches of Galatia" (vs. 2b) What churches were in the province of Galatia?

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (vs. 3)

DQ. What's in a greeting? Discuss the profound theology contained here.

"Who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age..." (vs. 4).

The Greek Word 'aeon' means _____

DQ. Discuss the significance of Jesus' Words: "It Is Finished" and the fact that when it comes to salvation in Christ it is either 'all' or 'nothing'.

"to Whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen." (vs. 5).

DQ. Who was getting the glory in the 'different gospel' being adopted by the Galatians?

II. A Confrontation Enforced with Condemnation (vss. 6-9).

*"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting **him** who called you into the grace of Christ"*

DQ. Who is **him**? Who were they deserting?

"...some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ".

DQ. What distortions of the Gospel are prevalent in our time?

The Two-fold (twice repeated) anathema proclaimed against anyone who preaches another gospel (vss. 8 and 9).

Notice how Paul includes Himself: *"But even if **we** or an angel from...."*

DQ. Was Guido De Bres right to apply this verse to all of Scripture?

DQ. How many today would say no? and why? And on what subjects?

DQ. What then are the 'False Gospel' implications of our Confession of Faith?

III. An Argument in Support of Apostolic Authority (vss. 10-24).

Notice Paul's fourfold argument beginning with the word 'For'

vs. 10 "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God?"

vs. 11 "For I would have you know, _____, the gospel preached by me is not man's gospel."

vs. 12 "For I did not receive it from any man...but through revelation of Jesus Christ."

vs. 13 "For you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism".

DQ. Discuss how Paul's life is a testimony to the Authority of God over the heart of man.

DQ. Discuss the connection between the Authority of God and the Glory of God.

DQ. Whose approval are you living for? Is your life governed by the principle of 'Sola Scriptura'?