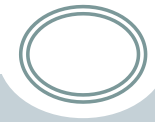


Paul's Letter to the Galatians



Lesson 8 - Review



- Jews, Gentiles, and slavery
- Paul's infirmity
- Allegory about Sarah and Hagar

Lesson 9 – Galatians 5:2-12



- Introduction
- Read Galatians 5:2-12
- Comments/Questions

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- 1. Retrace Paul’s allusions to “slavery” in this letter.
 - ✦ 4:3-
 - ✦ 4:9-
 - ✦ 4:21-31-
- ❖ Thus, what is Paul referring to by the expression “yoke of slavery” in 5:1?
- 2. In verses 2-6, Paul forcefully argues against submitting to circumcision. To do so, Paul says, makes him “obligated to keep the whole law” and estranges one from Christ. Then why did Paul have Timothy submit to circumcision (Acts 16:3)? Did this cause Timothy to ‘fall from grace’? If not, why not?

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- 3. Paul’s assertion that “in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything” is common in Paul’s writings.
 - ✦ a. Compare the following passages:
 - Galatians 3:26-29
 - I Corinthians 12:13
 - Colossians 3:11
 - ❖ What is Paul’s point in all these passages
 - ✦ b. In the context of each of these passages, Paul refers to baptism. [In Colossians, the context extends back to chapter 2. In particular, see Colossians 2:11-14.] What does baptism have to do with Paul’s point?

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- 4. Paul uses the saying “A little leaven leavens the whole lump” in this context and also in 1 Corinthians 5:6 What is the general lesson that can be drawn from these passages?
- 5. Read the first sentence in verse 11.
 - ✦ a. What does it appear that Paul’s opponents were saying about Paul?
 - ✦ b. How could they arrive at that conclusion?
 - ✦ c. Paul answers this misunderstanding by stating he was still suffering persecution. Persecution by whom?
 - ✦ d. What does Paul mean by the expression “offense of the cross”?