

Lesson 1

June 14, 2009

# SAN TAN HEIGHTS CHURCH SBC

## Church at The Kitchen Table Galatians 1 Why is Galatians so Important?

1. Galatians is the most severe of Paul's letters. The Apostle Paul rares up and speaks clearly and collectively to a group of people.
2. Galatians has been called the Magna Carta of Christian liberty. Galatians teaches us to stand firm against legalism, ritualism, and the list of extras the religions of the world try to attach to Jesus and His wonder.
3. Galatians is the book Luther and other reformers used to revolt against the Church of Rome.
4. Galatians teaches the doctrine of justification and the saving by faith very clearly.
5. Galatians taught that Gentiles were accepted into a saving faith and not Jewish only.
6. Galatians gives us clues of the chronology of the Apostle Paul's life.

As you & your family read Galatians Chapter 1, focus on four areas in the Apostle Paul's life.

- \* The Salutation: Gal. 1:1-5
- \* The Shock: Gal. 1:6-10
- \* The Spiritual Journey: Gal. 1:11-20
- \* Steps to Spiritual Greatness: Gal. 1:21-24

Focus on Gal. 1:6-10 with your family. Focus on anything that causes your family to desert or turn away from the Gospel.

What kind of statements causes you to question the Gospel?

What or whose speech keeps you from being committed to the Gospel and to worship corporately with others?

Paul had to deal with the very same thing churches today are facing, people leaving congregations for reasons that do not honor God, and Paul was very astonished or aggravated because of it.

Ask your family this question: Are we pleasing man or God?

Have a discussion and come up with ways to keep each other accountable.

Gospel defined: Jesus Death, Burial, and Resurrection.

In verse 8, the word "accursed" means judgment in Hell in Greek.

Focus on Gal. 1:11-12. Paul did not receive his understanding of the scripture from man, but he received a revelation from God as to the interpretation.

Paul was advanced in Judaism, which are the traditions and laws from the Old Testament. Six hundred thirteen laws had to be kept in order to be holy in this tradition. Paul understood from a revelation from God that Jesus death and resurrection brought grace to all people who would receive it. This is also the point in time that gentiles were accepted into the Christian faith by the early church. Do you recall preachers saying that Paul and Peter argued? Peter did not accept gentiles until a later date and Paul was upset with him for that reason.

Are there any traditions you and your family put above God?

Focus on Gal. 1:17: But I went to Arabia. Paul spent 3 years in Arabia studying and seeking God after his conversion.

In your marriage, relationships, & spiritual walk, find an Arabia, a place you can go and pray and meditate on God.

P.S. It does not need to be for three years, it need only be enough to hear from God. Lol

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9:00 AM	Life Groups (all ages)
10:30 AM	Worship Celebration & Children's Church

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