

Paul's Apostleship

Gal 1-2:10

1. Intro

1. Are we saved by faith alone or faith and works? This is the argument that Paul puts forth in this epistle.
2. He will argue that it is the finished work of Jesus on the cross which produces salvation in us, contrary to what some individuals were trying to convince the Galatian churches.
3. He first addresses their turning away from the Gospel as it was first preached to them, and then he gives his credentials as to his apostolic authority.

2. Only One Gospel (1-10)

1. Paul jumps in headlong into the controversy (6)
2. Paul wrote mainly to stem the tide of Judaizing heresy
 1. Faith plus the law.

3. Paul's Credentials (11-21)

1. He reminds them of his former work against the church (13-14)
2. Damascus road (Acts 9:8)
 1. Ananias - baptized
 2. Preaches in Damascus, but threaten to be killed (24-25)
3. Goes to Arabia (17) (1 Cor 4:25)
 1. Mt Sinai?
 2. Three years?
 1. The other apostles had spend this amount of time under the teachings of Jesus.
 3. Desert time.
 1. Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, Jesus
 1. All spent time in the desert preparing for their ministry.
4. Saul would have known of the contest on Mt. Carmel with Elijah and pagan worshippers.
 1. He saw himself as doing God's work against the pagan religion (Christianity).
5. He stresses that the things he learned were received directly from Jesus (12)
 1. He also talks about the "mystery" of the gospel (Rom 16:25)

4. Paul's Conference (2:1-10)

1. He then confers with the other apostles to make sure they are all on the same page (2:2, 9-10)
2. Question arose about Jewish law (3)
 1. False believers. (4)
3. Paul was not in awe of the leaders (6)

5. Application

1. Pay attention to the Word. (6)
 1. Many false beliefs and believers.
2. Understand what message you teach. (8-9)
3. God prepares the people that He is going to use.
4. Connection with others help keep us on the right track.

6. Conclusion

1. Do we know what the Gospel message is?
 1. Jesus Christ, crucified, buried and raised from the dead. (1 Cor 15:3-4)
2. Allow ourselves to be used.
 1. Learn, then pass on.
3. We need accountability.