

Unflinching Devotion to Grace
Galatians 5:7-12

- A. What happened to that commitment you began your new life with? **7-8**
1. Others not committed to the truth used lies to knock you off course
 2. They offered a message that sounded like it was from God, but was not
- B. Even a small detour from the truth can lead to a long slide away from it **9**
1. Law-free salvation may seem a small matter, but Paul says it is not
 2. Compromising the truth at any point often leads to further distortions
 3. All it takes to divide a church is a little yeast, one devoted antagonist
- C. Despite stumbling, Paul was confident that the church would recover **10**
1. False teachers were persuasive, but he was persuaded truth is stronger
 2. This confidence was not based on him or the church, but on the Lord
 3. He was confident of something else: God would judge these teachers
- D. Commitment to salvation apart from works must be obvious to all **11-12**
1. Paul was called a hypocrite on this point, so offers evidence he wasn't
 2. He insisted only a law-free gospel truly honors Christ's atoning work
 3. No matter how great a sacrifice obedience demands, it cannot save us

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Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

1 Thessalonians 2:3-4

For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. [NIV]

I Love You Lord

Call to Worship

God Of Our Fathers
Opening Prayer

No. 149

Preparing Our Hearts

My Faith Has Found A Resting Place
Scripture Reading
O Jesus I Have Promised
Presentation of Offerings

No. 380

No. 365

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Hearing The Word

Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross
Message - Galatians 5:7-12

No. 351
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Responding To The Word

Hymn of Commitment
Faith Of Our Fathers

No. 143

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ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Sunday School	9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:15 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study (at parsonage)	7:15-8:15
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PRAYER REQUESTS

PA OF COLOMBIA (pah) - A small group of people are gathered to hear a Bible story. This week's story is about Moses and the making of a golden calf by the people of Israel. The discussion time is lively, and the conversation first moves to the topic of idols and making things to represent God. One of the girls present responds, "We have idols in our religious practices (Catholic and animism mixed) just like the people of Israel. We, too, are condemned." As the discussion goes deeper, the group begins to wrestle with the truths of the story. One girl finally says, "You have to understand. To change religions is to leave our culture behind. My culture is my family." Pray that God will give wisdom to the missionaries working with this people group so they will have insight in how to share the gospel in a way that will break through the worldview and fear issues of these people. The Pa people are slow to make a decision to follow Jesus because of all that it implies in their families and community.

OUR INVITATION

Our purpose as a church is to glorify God by proclaiming his good news to those who do not know him and by building up the body of Christ through sound teaching and mutual encouragement. We urge you to accept Christ as your Savior and invite you to become a part of this work as a member of this fellowship. If you are interested in joining our church we invite you to speak to the pastor after services about what is involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We continue in our consideration of Job tonight with, "Repent, Of Something," Job 22:1-30. Eliphaz overemphasizes God's transcendence to the point it seems our actions make no difference to him. While there is a principle associated with what he says, it does not address Job's specific case. Eliphaz begins with a general statement on God's justice about who suffers God's judgment then proceeds to enumerate Job's sins and then concludes that Job should not wonder why he is suffering since it was his sins that led there. Sin will bring, at best a short term pleasure that will end when God punishes evil. The righteous may be distressed by the good the wicked enjoy, justice will bring them joy. Eliphaz closes by calling Job to repent so that he can once again enjoy the Lord's blessings.

This past Wednesday night we continued in our look at evangelism focusing on the fruit of evangelism. How do we know the real thing, saved souls? Salvation does not come from man's manipulation, charisma or sure fire formulas. Salvation comes when the Spirit moves how he will and is not something man can produce. Not all who profess faith are truly converted as is evident in NT. We know those in our own lives who have professed faith then left the church. Only those who endure to the end are truly saved. There is a serious problem in that false professions can harm the church trying to maintain purity, but also for those who make these false professions. They make these profession and are "inoculated" never to try again. The nominal Christian is harmed because they see the example given by the false professor and feel that is the standard they can use for their guide.

The cross offends men , because it goes clean contrary to their ideas of human merit. There is not a soul in all the world that, by nature, loves to be stripped of all merit. No! The last thing a man likes to part with is his righteousness. I have known poor sinners stand on Sinai's top until their knees knocked together, yet they have clung to their self-righteousness even there. I have known men stand where God's earthquakes were shaking the ground under their feet, and the thunder and lightning were playing above their heads; yet they still held fast their self-righteousness. It is a hard thing to get that away from men. You know how Bunyan says that, when Great-heart slew Giant Despair, the giant "had, as they say, as many lives as a cat;" and I am sure that self-righteousness has many more lives than that; it is the hardest thing in the world to kill. You may cut the evil weed self-righteousness up; but when you think you have got to the last root of it, it will be shooting up again before you can sharpen your knife to cut it up once more. This evil thing is bred in man's nature. When you preach against it, see how men will roar at you; they cannot bear that doctrine.

Charles Spurgeon