

Galatians 1:10-12

When People are Big and God is Small

Galatians falls into ___ neat categories. The first is _____ and takes the first two chapters. The third and fourth chapters entail _____. Chapters five and six concerns _____. Another way to view it is 1-2 reveal Pauls' spiritual autobiography, 3-4 the theology of the one true gospel and 5-6 reveals how to put it into daily practice. Philip Ryken summarizes it _____/ _____ and _____.

I. Paul's Focus: A _____ of Christ.

We human beings are often driven by the _____ of other human beings. The heart of the issue is that we simply don't love _____ as much as we love the _____ of others. However, think about this: if you fail to do what _____ has commanded, you will displease Him. What we're talking about here is the _____ of man. Proverbs 29:25 states "The _____ of man is a _____." This fear entangles our legs in

the race of faith. Galatians 2:12 give us a clear example of the _____ of man...by an apostle.

The Judaizers believed Paul had been too lenient on the gentiles because he wanted those gentiles to like him. It's not unlike what is happening in our culture today. You see people bowing down to movements due to fear. Let's be clear: if a church, a pastor, is afraid to call something sin, afraid to call people to repentance, afraid to point out the depravity of man because of offending someone, that church, that pastor is disobedient. "If the truth offends, let it offend. People have been living their whole lives in offense to God. Let them be offended for a while." John MacArthur.

Paul was no _____.

II. Paul's Ministry: _____ by God.

Paul's message was not from human beings nor was his _____. In fact, his calling was directly from _____. God's gospel is not man's _____ about God. It is God's _____ for man.

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When Paul was converted, he didn't race to Jerusalem, he wasn't disciplined, no one handed him a tract and witnessed to him. So, the Judaizers were basically saying Paul was a _____ apostle, getting his message from an "unauthorized dealer." These Judaizers were probably telling the Galatians they had been taught by the A-Team.

Paul tells us that Jesus was unveiled right before his eyes. Acts 9 gives the details of his conversion experience. After hearing Paul preach, some recognized him as the Jewish zealot wanting to imprison or kill Christians. What could have made this astounding difference? _____.

Questions/Thoughts

1. I live for the approval of _____.
2. In your spiritual autobiography, what would you say about yourself? What would others say?

3. Can you spot the fear of man in your life?
4. You may wish you could have a revelation of Jesus like Paul did. Look at II Peter 1:16-21.