MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



MY NOTES

My Insights / My Questions

MONDAY, MAY 2

Read Galatians 1—Only One True Gospel

- 1. Why is Paul writing this letter? What is being preached to the Galatians? Where does this other message come from?
- 2. What does Paul call himself? Where does his preaching come from? Does he seem to need a lot of coaching and conferring with the 12 apostles that were with Jesus?
- 3. What are some of the different gospels being preached in the world today? How do people think our Gospel (Paul's message) based on faith alone is incomplete?
- Prayer: Lord, may Your precious Word be preached and taught to us in purity.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Read Galatians 2—We Live by Faith in Jesus

- 1. How did Peters' (an apostle of stature who knew Jesus) behavior of withdrawing from the uncircumcised Gentiles table likely get interpreted by the new Gentile Christians?
- 2. Was Christs' burden, suffering and crucifixion for little or no purpose? Was His salvation work for us incomplete in some way?
- 3. How forceful should we be in addressing Christians who are in error? What factors should we consider? Should they know better? Are they leading others astray?
- Prayer: Lord, give us the wisdom and strength to keep Your Gospel pure.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Read Galatians 3— God's Promise

- What does Paul mean when he talks about living by the law? Why
 is this a curse and futile in the end? How is living like this like
 living in slavery?
- 2. How have we been rescued from the curse of the law?
- 3. Our unity, our inheritance, our heritage, our salvation are all in Christ. What would the world be like if we did not separate ourselves from each other based on our ethnicity, our nations, the color of skin, being male and female, our wealth?
- Prayer: Lord, we are blessed to be heirs of Your promise to Abraham through his offspring, Jesus.

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THURSDAY, MAY 5

Read Galatians 4—Heirs to the Kingdom

- If you asked your family, friends and neighbors, "If you
 were to die today and face God and He asked you why He
 should let you into heaven" what would they likely say?
 Would the answer be by faith alone?
- 2. What can you learn about God from the phrase "when the fullness of time had come, God sent for His Son?"
- 3. We have come to be known by God. God chooses us. God loved us first. How can this knowledge change the way you live?
- Prayer: Lord, lead us to share our joy that through faith we are already members of Your kingdom.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Read Galatians 5— Christ Has Set Us Free

- In verses 2-6, Paul most directly gets to the center of the problem the Galatians have got themselves into. What is his astonishment and issue with them accepting circumcision and being Judaized?
- 2. Paul has some harsh words for those bringing a false works/law righteousness message to the Galatians. How could this message cause people to fall from the faith?
- 3. How are we to use our freedom from the curse of the law? Is it not paradoxical that Paul says if we use our freedom in this way we will actually fulfil the law?
- Prayer: Lord, free us from self-indulgence so we can be free to serve others.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Read Galatians 6—Uphold and Restore One Another

- 1. Do you have burdens that you bear? Do the people sitting with you in our church pews need forgiveness and help in carrying their burdens?
- 2. Why do you think Paul gives priority to those in "the household of faith" when he gives the imperative to do good to everyone when the opportunity arises?
- 3. What types of freedom come from knowing Jesus Christ took your place and paid for all of your sins in full? How can this unburden and inspire you?
- Prayer: Holy Spirit, give us the strength and courage to forgive and love one another.

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