

# **Read Your Bible with Understanding**

## **Paul's Epistle to the Galatians**

# Galatians 1.1-5

## A word from your pastor

I guess it is reasonable to say that any pastor worth their salt wants to see incremental but constant growth in the scriptures in those they are privileged to under-shepherd. I am no different. I long to see you all become more and more confident in knowing what you believe and why you believe it, a natural product of knowing the scriptures and knowing how to interpret and understand them. The scriptures are for those of us who are saved necessary food for spiritual nourishment and growth, just as the food we eat every day is to nourish and sustain us in good health.

In the past, I have basically given you documents like this one with very obvious answers that require little effort to get right and literally no research of the scriptures and/or secular literature such as bible dictionaries, commentaries and the like. These exercises in Galatians will be different in that I want to now lead you on a journey of discovery in the text of Paul's letter that will require you to think, search out answers and cross reference them with other scriptures. Where resource material is required, I will provide it. Please note that answers to these questions will be forthcoming during the preaching but will not be made available in written form, so it would be wise to have attempted to answer all these questions before the message on this passage is presented.

What you will need is a sound study bible, preferably a KJV, new KJV, NASB (New American Standard Bible) or NLT (New Living Translation). If you are considering purchasing a study bible and you need some help in choosing the one right for you, please contact me and I will help you.

Now, lets make a start on our journey of discovery in Galatians .....

## Message Date & Title

June 21, 2020.                      Grace and Peace in this present evil world

## Instructions

Once again, read all six chapters of Galatians in one sitting. This should take you about 15-20 minutes depending upon how well you read. Once you have read the whole epistle, carefully read the first 5 verses of chapter 1 and attempt to answer the questions which follow.

1. What does Paul claim that he is in 1.1?
2. How does II Timothy 2.11 relate to Paul's claim in this first verse?

3. Read Luke 6.12-16. Now list the names of the disciples/Apostles given by Luke
  
4. Paul's name is not amongst them, but in Galatians 1.1 he boldly claims to be an Apostle. How does Acts 9.6 help us to reconcile Paul's statement with Luke's list?
  
5. Read Acts 1.20 & Psalm 109.4-9. This is a prophecy concerning a certain individual. Who is he? How do these verses help us to understand how Paul could be an Apostle and there yet be 12 given the list provided by Luke contains 12 names?
  
6. Paul says in verse 2 that his epistle to the Galatians is from himself and "all the brethren that are with him ....." Can you find the names of three of these brothers in Christ that Paul mentions later in this epistle?
  
7. In verse 3, Paul mentions grace and then peace. This is the same pattern in every one of his epistles to the churches. Why does Paul use that order so consistently?
  
8. Why do you think Paul wishes them grace and peace from both God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ?
  
9. In verse 4 Paul says; "Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world....." How were they, and therefore how are you "delivered from this present evil world?"
  
10. In verse 5 Paul says; "To whom be glory ....." What do you think Paul means when he speaks of glory?