

Study Buddies

Quick Bible Reference Guides

GALATIANS: Amazing Grace

Note: This resource was prepared based on the Contemporary English Version of the Bible. It is always good to use more than one Bible version as a reference. This practice will enable you to compare the languages of the translations and gain a fuller understanding of the text.

Overview

Galatians gives us an insight into the Apostle Paul's strong faith. It also addresses a very controversial thought that had different people in the church in an uproar: This letter emphasizes that God has made people his children by faith in Jesus Christ rather than by adhering to the Law. Furthermore, the text explains how Jesus Christ has set God's children free from the Law (5.1) and the Holy Spirit guides them (5.16) towards being loving, kind, good and self-controlled (5.22,23).

Key Points and Verses

Please read the whole book to gain the fullest experience. These points are just a few of the highlights that have been encapsulated from the text.

- 1.6-12 Pleasing God rather than people
- 1.13-24; 2.1-2 Paul's calling
- 2.16-21; 3.2-14 Freedom in Jesus Christ
- 5.13-26 God's Spirit helps avoid abuse of freedom
- 6.11-16 Bragging rights

Study Questions

1. How were certain people trying to make the Galatians turn away from the good news about Christ? (1.7; 3.1-14; 5.1-15; 6.12-15). Why was this a problem?
2. What do you think Paul means when he says that "Christ rescued us from the Law's curse?" (3.13). What does this mean for the way Christians live?
3. Paul says that "Christ has set us free!" (5.1). In what ways are Christians free? What does this kind of freedom include? What, if anything, are its limits?
4. What does Paul mean when he says, "you will harvest what you plant?" (6.7). Think about your life a year from now... five years from now. How do the decisions you make today affect your future?
5. Compare the list in 5.19-21 with the list in 5.22,23. Where do the items in each list come from? What does Paul mean when he says that "God's Spirit has given us life"? (5.25).

Something to Think About

Reread 5.13-15. Have you been set free? What roles do the Law and the Holy Spirit play in your life?