

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

10-6-19 Ken Carlton

Title: GALATIANS OVERVIEW

Main Text: Galatians 6:11-16

Aim: TO SUMMARIZE THE MESSAGE AND MOTIVE OF THE BOOK OF GALATIANS.

Sermon Description: As Paul brings his book to the Galatians to a close, his final words contain a structure summary of the letter. He refutes the scripture twisting false teachers, describing their efforts as that which only promotes “a good showing in the flesh”. This they do in order to avoid the persecution cost associated with the truth of Christ's teaching seeking to glorify themselves in the process. In closing, the apostle is offering one last refutation of the corrupt teaching that had infected Galatia. He goes further to reject the heresies of the day by elevating the superior quality and value of the only true message that saves. Paul refuses to boast in anything other than the cross of Jesus Christ. He describes the believer’s orientation as a new creation diametrically opposed to the popular notions of the world around him. Paul asserts the truth in the starkest of contrasts. He is dead to the world, his old life, sinful worldview, and self-serving ambitions. Finally, he declares a benediction, praying peace and mercy would attend those who “walk by this rule” - that is – those whose lives are reformed to apply the truth of the Gospel through faith in Christ alone. These are the authentic “Israel of God”, those who truly identify as the covenant people of the Messiah. These are his family, his brothers, the enduring church who will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling His sheep away from the cliffs of legalistic apostasy unto green pastures of the Gospel and Spirit inspired life that follows... These three points of emphasis in closing: Condemnation of false teaching, proclaiming the Gospel truth, and encouraging fruitful application by the Spirit... provide column headings under which the entire letter can be classified...

Heading: GALATIANS CATEGORICALLY FEATURES...

1. REFUTATIONS OF MAN'S GOSPEL (Gal 1:6-11, 3:1-6, 10-12, 4:8-20, 5:1-15))

- a. Expressions of disapproval
- b. False gospel premise decried
- c. Discernment of intentions

2. ASSERTIONS OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST (1:7)

- a. Apostolic witness (1:12-2:14)
(1:3-5, 2:15-21, 3:13-14, 4:4-7)
- b. Abrahamic witness (3:15-4:3)
- c. Positively stated

3. EXHORTATIONS TO WALK BY THE SPIRIT (5:16-6:10)

- a. Displacing the flesh
- b. Fruit of the Spirit
- c. Sample applications

COMMUNION...

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Gospel ref #1	Reference #2	Reference #3	Reference #4	Applications	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Gal 1:3-5	2:15-21	3:13-14	4:4-7	5:16-6:10	Psalm 96