**SERMON NOTES**

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

**“Amazing Grace”**

**Galatians 1: 10 – 24**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ saves bad people. God saves good people. All people are actually bad and no one is really good.**

**Doctrine, theology, and the practical implications of these will be critical to correct the error of the Galatians. At the same time there is also a place for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the personal work of Jesus in a believer’s life as visible and irrefutable evidence to the power of the true gospel.**

**A life changed by the gospel is one of the greatest tangible pieces of evidence of the power that comes through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Believer, your testimony – how God saved you; what you were and now are no longer because of Jesus – is one of God’s greatest tools to make the gospel known to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Judaizers were attempting to undermine the message of the true gospel preached to the Galatians by undermining the messenger who preached the gospel: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The believer must choose - as Paul did - to seek to please God by following and teaching what His Word says, even at the cost of displeasing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(V10).**

**To be a servant of God you must live with an aim to serve God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(V10).**

**The only thing that can pardon a sinner before a holy God is the gospel of grace through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ alone, in Christ alone, to the glory of God alone (V11).**

**It was only because of Jesus’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Himself personally to Paul that he became a believer (V12).**

**The true gospel comes with power to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us in ways that we never ever could apart from it (V13 - 14).**

**Paul knows that the gospel of grace came to him for his salvation – that he might be pardoned and forgiven of his sin and rebellion against God. But Paul also knows that is not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_aim of it. The final aim is that God would be glorified by his preaching to the Gentiles (v16).**

**In order to be saved we must have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gospel and not man’s gospel (v11).**

**Man’s gospel tells us that we have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or do something for God to love us and we have to work to keep God’s love on us.**

**Whether you came to Christ after years of rebelling and vile things or you came to understand your sin and need as someone raised in church, either way your salvation is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God (John 5:24; Colossians 1:13).**

**It is only by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ revealing of Himself personally to us that we can repent and believe the gospel.**

**Notice how Paul relates to his past and the sin that he once knew: he doesn’t revel or celebrate it but neither is he shamed and crippled by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it (v13-14).**

**The enemy often uses our past to condemn us but when you are in Christ there is now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ condemnation (Romans 8:1).**

**The gospel changes us and makes us new – not only in how God sees and views us as forgiven through Christ – but also in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desires to please and live for God that we are given when we accept the gospel.**

**Every Christian is saved for a purpose: to bring God glory in your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to make the gospel known in your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v23-24; v16).**

**Lasting, increasing, and measurable change is the evidence that the gospel is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our lives (v23-24).**

**God saved you so that you might make Him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to others who need to be saved (v16).**

**It pleases God to save sinners like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v16).**

Blanks: God; testimony; gospel; others; Paul; man; alone; faith; revealing; change; final; God’s; work; miracle; Jesus’s; memory; no; new; life & witness; real; known; me;

Congregational Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 17 -21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconcilingthe world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.