**SERMON NOTES**

**Grace Abounding**

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

**“Paul, An Apostle”**

**Galatians 1: 1 - 2**

**What is in this letter – as is the whole Bible – is binding and holds authority over our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an Epistle (a letter) that was written to specific local churches.**

**Anytime we read a book in the Bible we need to understand – the best we can – the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the book: why was it written and what occasioned the sending of the letter or writing of the book?**

**In the absence of Paul, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ come in and infiltrated their way into the various local churches in Galatia and out of means for their own glory and own desires they have began to undermine the ministry of Paul ultimately so that they might undermine the message of the gospel.**

**Denying the grace that comes through Jesus’s work on the cross by seeking to add to that work is certain spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Galatians.**

**This letter written by Paul is a letter that says to the Galatians “the gospel saves you and the gospel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you”.**

**Paul will show us in this letter that what we do - how we obey - is not cause or source of our salvation but the effect of it, the fruit, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**God for the sake of His name – for His glory - freely grants grace abounding to save sinners on the basis of His work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel.**

**God for the sake of His name – for His glory - freely grants grace abounding to transform sinners into those who are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to live – by the Spirit – lives that are obedient to Him.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - the message of Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected for sinners - was the means to save the Galatians. It will be the means to lead them back, and it will be what continues to sustain and transform them through the rest of their Christian lives.**

**The gospel is the answer to every question, every struggle, every sin, and every suffering – the Christian will never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it. It is the means by which we are both saved and sanctified.**

**The word for apostle - is the Greek - “apostolos” (ἀπόστολος) whichmeans to be “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” like a messenger or delegate.**

**In the Bible this word apostolos is used in two primary ways: general and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**To be considered to (hold the office) of apostle in the official way you had to have encountered the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and been called directly by Jesus to fulfill the role of apostle.**

**Apostles had unique and unrepeatable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ given to them by Jesus.**

**The best way to delegitimatize a message is to delegitimize the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is what the false teachers of Galatia were attempting to do in calling into question the apostolic authority of Paul.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ holds the office of apostle and therefore he has the same unique authority as the twelve to speak on behalf of God – giving instructions and commands to be obeyed (Acts 9; 26; 1 Corinthians 15).**

**The words in Galatians – and in all of the Bible – have unique authority over you because they are the very words of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to His people given by His messengers so that you can know the value, work, worth, commands, and call of God in Christ on your life.**

Blanks: life; Galatians; context; false teachers; death; transforms; result; alone; enabled; gospel; outgrow; sent out; official; resurrected; authority; messenger; Paul; God;

Congregational Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.