**SERMON NOTES**

**Grace Abounding**

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

**“**🎶Father Abraham Had Many Sons 🎶**”**

**Galatians 3: 1-9**

**Paul begins chapter three with the serious words that the serious situation of the Galatians \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**A necessary and crucial part of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christianity is being willing to speak clearly in lovingly into the lives of those of those who may have sin that is unaddressed or that they are unaware as well as to those who are being led away by some compromise or distortion of God’s word and the gospel.**

**It was precisely because Paul \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Galatians that he addressed their sin and compromise of the gospel directly.**

**In order to call the Galatians back to the true gospel – to call them back to repentance – Paul appeals to two main things in verses 1 – 9: (1) the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2) the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The word “crucifixion” in the Greek is in the perfect tense, meaning that it is speaking to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ event that has produced results that extend forward.**

**Jesus’s work on the cross is complete. It has satisfied the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of God against sin for the one who believes fully and finally.**

**The phrase “receiving the spirit” is often used by the Bible to describe the moment someone came to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ faith in Christ.**

**I don’t have to get myself “cleaned up” first in order to be loved and accepted by God. He will love me and accept me because of what has already been done by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Bible considers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a very serious sin. It is a word that speaks to mental laziness, a wrong attitude, or not using your spiritual intellect to discern right and wrong.**

**Foolishness – of the nature that the Galatians found themselves - is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ problem, not an intellectual problem. That is, they knew and understood the gospel but were failing to apply it in their lives.**

**We are perfected (completed) not by the “flesh” (what we do) but rather by God’s work in us through His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Christian never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the gospel. It begins in faith and ends in faith.**

**The way we grow and finish in Christ is by repeatedly preaching and applying and then repreaching and reapplying the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to every part of our lives.**

**The gospel is not a message of “go and do”. Rather it is a message of “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” .**

**In verses 6 – 14 Paul appeals to scripture, specifically to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Before Genesis 17 when covenant sign of circumcision was commanded by God to Abraham and his offspring, there was Genesis 15 when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was given to Abraham on the basis of his faith in the promise of God.**

**This is Paul’s wonderful point to the Galatians and you and I: In Genesis 15 Abraham didn’t have the law and neither did he yet have the sign of circumcision. All Abraham had was what he needed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the promises of God and it was this belief that was credited to him as righteousness.**

**Abraham was an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_who worshipped false gods before the Lord called him and gave him the promise to believe by faith.**

**The promise of God to grant righteousness to the sinner is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, based solely on God and His own commitment to keep it.**

**Righteousness is living in obedience to God and all of His commands \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** **Because of Abraham’s faith, the Lord credited to him righteousness as if he had lived in obedience to God and all of His commands perfectly, though he had not.**

**Abram’s righteousness - like all believer’s righteousness – is what some call a ‘foreign or alien’ righteousness, meaning is a righteousness not from him but outside of him, from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Believing the promise that God will save those who believe in what Jesus has done on the cross to remove God’s wrath for their sin is how we become true children of Abraham and so become true children of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Blanks: demands; Biblical; loved; cross & Bible; completed; wrath; saving; Jesus; foolishness; spiritual; Spirit; outgrows; gospel; done; Abraham; faith; righteousness; belief; idolatry; alone; unconditional; righteousness; perfectly; God; faith;

Congregational Scripture Reading – Colossians 2: 6

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk

in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the

 faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.