

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

5 To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

6. I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

10. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that

I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia;

22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:

23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

24 And they glorified God in me.

CHAPTER 2

THEN fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.

2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that

gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:

4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed *to be somewhat* in conference added nothing to me:

7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision was unto Peter;

8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

9 And when James, Cephas, and

John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

10 Only *they would* that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

11. But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

15 We *who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

CHAPTER 3

OFOOLISH Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evi-

dently set forth, crucified among you?

2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.

5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

6. Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

17 And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

18 For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

19. Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

20 Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one.

21 *Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

The Book of Galatians was written by the Apostle Paul about A.D. 58. The people of Ancient Gaul, now known as France, founded the nation called Galatia. These war-like tribes had migrated across Europe into Asia Minor several centuries before the Christian era. The word Galatia means, "the coming of the Gauls." About a quarter of a century before Christ was born, the Romans made Galatia a part of one of their larger provinces, and called the entire area Galatia. Paul had founded the churches at Galatia about A.D. 45-48. He had then revisited these churches on his second missionary journey about A.D. 50, and again on his third missionary journey about A.D. 54. Paul's work

had been extremely successful in Galatia, and great multitudes, mostly Gentiles, had accepted Christ. Some time after Paul left, certain Jewish teachers began teaching that the Gentiles could not be Christians without keeping the Law of Moses. Many of these Galatian Christians gave heed to these teachings and were confused concerning law and grace. Paul's writings to these churches were to straighten out the Christians on these things.

In chapters 1 and 2 the key word is "Gospel." It is found ten times in these few verses. Paul is striving to show that his calling came directly from Christ and not from men. Paul was not preaching a second-hand Gospel, but a first-hand message directly from the Lord.

In chapter 1:6-10 Paul seems to be very disturbed that the Christians were so quickly removed from the teachings he had brought to them. They had received the Gospel so enthusiastically, and now false teachers had come to their cities and they had also believed them. Paul explains in verse 7 that there are people who will trouble you and pervert the Gospel of Christ. In verse 8 he says that anyone who would preach any Gospel other than the Gospel he preached, should be accursed. Paul repeats that statement in verse 9.

Today, in our churches, we have similar problems with the perversion of the Gospel. We have many people who are preaching only a partial Gospel, and combining works, grace, and many false doctrines. God's Word to them, as to the Galatians, is to let them be accursed. The grace of God, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is sufficient for salvation. Chapter 2:16 again explains that man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. How foolish it is for anyone to believe that he can be good enough to go to heaven without receiving Christ.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud" (Proverbs 16:19).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

Spend this month reviewing the previous 13 lessons. For today, review Memory Verse Assignment 32 (found on page 8).

HYMN FOR THE DAY

HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL

Words and Music by Audrey Mieir, 1916

More than 2,500 years ago, the prophet Isaiah told of One who would be the hope of mankind, the long-awaited Messiah who would establish an eternal kingdom based on justice and righteousness. Isaiah's important pronouncement told that this one would be a God-man:

a child born-His humanity;
a son given-His deity.

The quintuplet of names ascribed to this One gives further insight into His character and ministry:

Wonderful— He would be wonderful in what He would accomplish for the fallen human race.

Counselor— He would be our guide through life, and our advocate before the heavenly Father.

The Mighty God— He would be the God before

whom every knee shall one day bow.

The Everlasting Father— He would be the God of eternity.

The Prince of Peace— He would be the one who would ultimately bring a true tranquility among all nations.

Audrey Mieir has been widely known for several decades as the composer and author of many fine gospel songs and choruses. "His Name Is Wonderful," written in 1959, is one of her finest. She tells in her biography how the inspiration

for this song occurred while she watched the annual Christmas program given at her Bethel Union Church in Duarte, California. After the usual procession of angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph, the singing of "sleep in heavenly peace," the pastor of the church suddenly exclaimed—"His Name Is Wonderful." Audrey Mieir tells that she quickly grabbed her Bible, searched the concordance for names given to Jesus in the Scriptures, and soon composed this song, which has since been sung around the world:

*His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful,
Jesus, my Lord;
He is the mighty King,
Master of ev'rything:
His name is Wonderful,
Jesus, my Lord;
He's the great Shepherd,
the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He;
bow down before Him,
love and adore Him;
His name is Wonderful,
Jesus my Lord.*

BIRTHDAY TODAY

ELOISE CLARK

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1847

ABRAHAM LINCOLN TOOK A SEAT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Abraham Lincoln took a seat in the thirtieth Congress in the House of Representatives. Let us thank God for the life and work of Abraham Lincoln. Let us pray for our House of Representatives today that God will lead and give direction.

1889

JEFFERSON DAVIS DIED.

1933

THE OFFICIAL END OF PROHIBITION.

People crowded in the liquor stores to buy the first legal liquor in thirteen years. For thirteen years liquor had been illegal in our nation. It had been the law of the land that no one could make alcoholic beverages or sell them. Many arguments have been advanced about prohibition days, but there is one that is irrefutable—at least wrong was illegal. Maybe the law concerning this wrong could not be enforced. Many doubt the sincerity of the efforts. To say the least it was against the law and was considered wrong. What a shame that today on practically every block in our big cities liquor is made available. Even a great percentage of our high school boys and girls drink. From the time a youngster is out of college it is the acceptable, social thing to do. God help us to pray for America. Liquor breaks up homes. Would God the liquor traffic would realize the broken homes, automobile accidents, serious diseases, etc., caused by this wicked practice.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1849

Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery in Maryland,

summer. She returned to the South nineteen times and brought out more than three hundred slaves.

1869

National black labor convention met in Washington. James M. Harris of North Carolina elected president.

Among the colleges and universities founded in 1869 were Clark, Claflin, Dillard and Tougaloo Colleges.

1870

Joseph H. Rainey, first black in the House of Representatives, sworn in as congressman from South Carolina.

1875

Forty-fourth Congress (1875-77) convened with historic high of eight blacks. One U.S. senator, Blanche K. Bruce, Mississippi. Seven black congressmen: Jeremiah Haralson, Alabama; Josiah T. Walls, Florida; John R. Lynch, Mississippi; John A. Hyman, North Carolina; Charles E. Nash, Louisiana; Joseph H. Rainey, Robert Smalls, South Carolina.

1971

Lewis Franklin Powell confirmed as Supreme Court justice despite opposition of civil rights organizations.

MEMORY VERSE ASSIGNMENT 32 (for review):

Please spend time reviewing these memory verses. If you have been completing the assignments in the TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING, then you already have spent a week memorizing the Scriptures below. Now it's time to review!

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THISWEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

DIVINE INSPIRATION EVIDENT BY THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

Power to convict of sin.

() Acts 2:37

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Power to produce faith.

() Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Power to make wise.

() Psalms 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Power to produce joy.

() Jeremiah 15:16

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

Power to produce peace in the human heart.

() Psalms 85:8

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.