

Galatians An Introduction, Part 1

In actual chronology, Galatians is the first or second book of the New Testament to be written.

It's written by the Apostle Paul and is very autobiographical.

Paul is angry when he writes it, because the Galatians have diluted and polluted the Gospel of Jesus.

The letter has two inter-related themes:

- 1) We are more wicked and sinful than we ever dared believe.
- 2) We are more accepted and loved by God than we ever dared hope.

Put another way, Paul is saying:

- 1) There is no Gospel without repentance.
- 2) There is no Gospel without faith.

How do people who claim to be Christians get to the place where they no longer acknowledge their sin?

The problem with not "seeing" our sin as sin, is that it doesn't change the nature of sin.

- It is bait with a hook.
- It is addictive.
- It is blinding.
- It is comprehensive.
- It is enveloping.
- It is long-lasting.
- It destroys everything in its path then ends in death.

What is real Biblical repentance?

- Humility
- Confession
- Turning your life around and choosing a new path.