

I have been crucified with Christ.

It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave
himself for me."

— GALATIANS 2:19-20



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Getting the Gospel Right



God's Rescue Mission

Galatians 1:1–5

INTRODUCTION	
Freedom is foundational to the Gospel.	
To whom is Paul writing, and why? What's the context?	
KEY POINTS	
I. The Authority of the Apostle	
What does it mean to be an apostle?	
Who is the source, and what is the substance of the apostle's message?	
II. The Opposition to the Apostle	
What was the position of the false teachers opposing Paul?	
How have you experienced opposition to the Gospel?	
III. The Message of the Apostle	
Why are grace and peace central to the message of the Gospel?	
How does Jesus Christ rescue us?	
RENDER YOUR VERDICT	
Have you received God's grace and peace?	



MESSAGE 2

Don't Listen to an Angel Galatians 1:6-10

INTRODUCTION	
It's the message, not the messenger.	
What is the defining standard as you evaluate any message, viewpoint, or opinion?	
KEY POINTS	
I. There is only one true Gospel: the Gospel of the grace of God	
Why is Paul writing with such urgency to the Galatians?	
Why is grace central to the Gospel?	
why is grace central to the dosper.	
Where does the greatest danger to the Gospel lie?	
II. Other gospels must be rejected	
Why is it impossible to be "tolerant" when it comes to Gospel?	
What are some of the other "gospels" which exist today?	
RENDER YOUR VERDICT	
Do you have a clear understanding of the Gospel?	
Have you ever embraced any part of a false gospel?	
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How would you explain the true Gospel to a friend?	

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Good News from God to Man

Galatians 1:11–24

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INTRODUCTION	
Do you realize the Cornel is under attack?	
Do you realize the Gospel is under attack?	
KEY POINTS	
I. The Gospel is not of human origin (v. 11–12)	
Where does the Gospel originate?	
Why are traditions and rituals sometimes misleading?	
Why were the false teachers trying to undermine Paul's authority as an apostle and the divine source of the Gospel?	
and the divine source of the dosper!	
II. Paul's unique role in the proclamation of the Gospel (v. 13–14)	
Why is Paul's background significant as he defends the Gospel against false teachers and legalism?	
After Paul's conversion, how did he learn more about the Gospel? And how does this support the divine origin of the Gospel?	
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RENDER YOUR VERDICT	
Have you were it ad the Coare along the source of allowers of Christ?	
Have you received the Gospel and become a follower of Christ?	
What circumstances led to your discovery of the Gospel?	
How have you seen the transformation of the Gospel in your life?	

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The Truth of the Gospel

Galatians 2:1–10

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	Getting right with God is not something we can accomplish, but God in His Gospel	
of grace makes a way by providing a perfect Savior.		
	Why was Martin Luther terrified by "the righteousness of God"? And how was he then encouraged by the Gospel?	
ΕY	Y POINTS	
	I. There is only one true unchanging Gospel for all cultures and all time	
	What was the significance of Paul meeting with the Jerusalem apostles?	
	How were the false teachers in Galatia promoting a gospel of works	
	versus grace?	
	II. Two test cases support that there is only one Gospel for all cultures and all time	
	What made Titus an ideal test case to demonstrate the error of the false teaching?	
	Who was it is a 'f and fandle househouse and death a discount the Carrel	
	Why was it significant for the Jerusalem apostles to add nothing to the Gospel that Paul was preaching?	
ΕN	NDER YOUR VERDICT	
	Do you ever find yourself trying to please God by your own efforts or good intentions?	
	When discussing or sharing the Gospel, do you ever feel pressure to change the message?	

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The Gospel Brings Conflict

Galatians 2:11–14

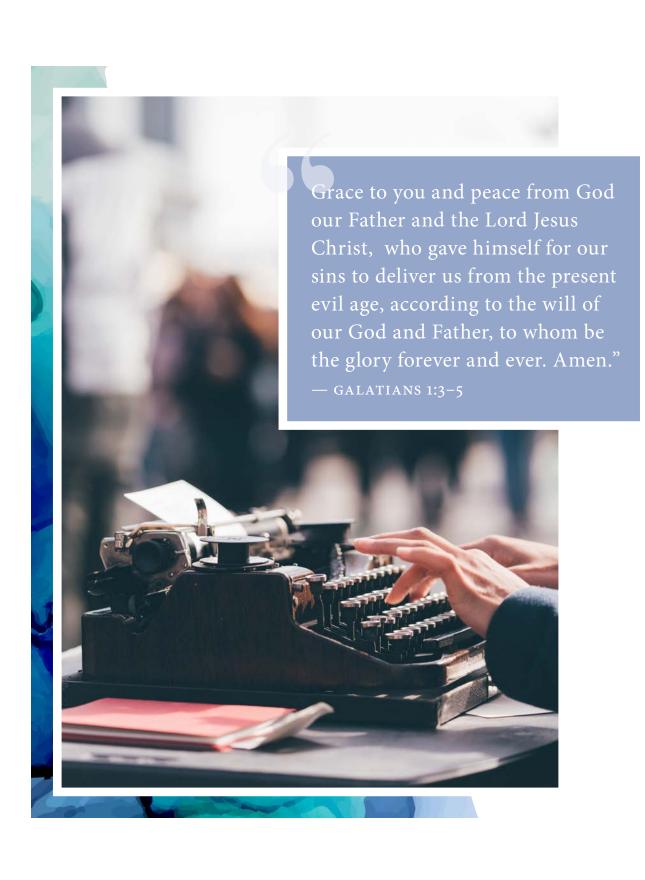
INTRODUCTION	
Conflict is an unavoidable part of life, even in the family of God.	
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How does commitment sometimes lead to conflict?	
now does commitment sometimes lead to connict?	
KEY POINTS	
I. The controversy between Peter and Paul	
What was the situation which led to the conflict between the apostles? What was at stake?	
That was at state.	
How did Paul confront Peter? Why was it important that it was public?	
II. The resolution of the controversy	
How does Paul's statement, "there is neither Jew nor Greek for you are all one in Christ Jesus," resolve the question?	
RENDER YOUR VERDICT	
Would you be able to recognize such an issue — then potentially confront a friend or family member — for the sake of the Gospel?	
Will you reach out to someone different from yourself this week as you display Christ's	
love and the one Gospel?	



Justified by Faith Alone Galatians 2:15–21

How has the living Christ transformed your life?

	NTRO	DUCTION	
	"Jus	stification by faith" is central to the truth of the Gospel.	
	Wh	y is it so critical that we "get the Gospel right"?	
	KEY P	OINTS	
	ı.	The meaning of justification	
	•	What does <i>justification</i> mean in the context of a legal court?	
		what does justification mean in the context of a legal court:	
		For followers of Christ, why is it significant that God not only declares us	
		not guilty but also righteous?	
		Why was Christ's atonement on the cross necessary?	
	II.	Justification apart from works	
		What does it mean when Paul says that we are not justified by "works of	
		the Law"?	
	111.	Justification through faith alone What does real faith incorporate versus having faith in faith?	
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	IV.	The result of being justified through faith	
		Are our <i>works</i> the result of salvation by grace? Do we achieve this transformation on our own?	
-	REND	ER YOUR VERDICT	
	Do	you have a personal faith in Christ versus an intellectual understanding?	



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Faith or Works

Galatians 3:1–9

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NTRO	DDUCTION	
The role of works versus grace alone was at the heart of the false teaching in Galatia,		
wh	ich Paul is strongly opposing.	
EY P	OINTS	
I.	The Holy Spirit in our lives proves we are justified by faith alone (v. 1–5) Why is it "foolish" to think that our works are required for salvation?	
	What role does the Holy Spirit play in the lives of followers of Christ?	
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	In a practical sense, what does it mean to live by faith? From whom does the desire and ability come?	
II.	The example of Abraham also proves we are justified by faith alone	
	Why was Abraham such a powerful and compelling example of justification by faith?	
END	ER YOUR VERDICT	
Are you trying to live the Christian life in your own strength?		

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Curse or Blessing Galatians 3:10–14

INTROD	

I N 1	ΓRO	DUCTION	
		l demonstrates that trying to achieve salvation through obeying the Law brings	
a cur		rrse versus receiving justification by faith alone.	
K E	Y P	OINTS	
	I.	To rely on the Law is to be under the curse of the Law (v. 10–12) What is meant by the Law?	
		what is meant by the Law:	
		How is the problem not with the Law itself, but our inability to fulfill the Law?	
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II.	II.	Christ becomes a curse for us (v. 13) What is significant about the way Jesus Christ died — on a cross? What does it mean to be cursed by God?	
		How did Christ redeem us from the curse of the law?	
		now and Christ redeem as norm the carse of the law:	
RF	N D I	ER YOUR VERDICT	
		you depend on your own good deeds or sincere intentions to get right with God,	
or are you relying solely on Christ's perfect work of redemption?			

Galatians 3:15-22

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INTRODUCTION	
Paul explains why believers live under grace, despite the fact that God gave the Law.	
Paul explains why believers live under grace, despite the fact that God gave the Law.	
Do you take the authority of the Bible seriously? Or do you pick and choose what to believe?	
KEY POINTS	
I. The promise is superior to the Law (v. 15–18)	
What is meant by <i>the Law</i> ?	
How was God's promise to Abraham different from the Mosaic Law (the Ten Commandments)?	
II. The purpose of the Law	
If God's promise is superior to the Law, then why was the Law given?	
What does the Law reveal?	
RENDER YOUR VERDICT	
Do you understand the difference between your imperfect performance and God's perfect provision ?	
Are you relying on His promise of salvation?	
Are you relying on his promise of sulvation!	

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Free from the Law Gal

Galatians 3:23–26

INT	RO	DUCTION	
	Pau	further clarifies the function of the Law in defense of salvation by grace.	
	Hov	v were believers in Galatia being confused?	
K F	Y P	OINTS	
	I.	The Law was a prison (v. 23)	
		Before our faith in Christ, how did the Law condemn us?	
		What does Paul mean when he says that, "Christ is the end of the Law"?	
	II.	The Law was a guardian (v. 24–25)	
		Why was this function of the Law temporary?	
		How did the false teachers misrepresent this aspect of the role of the Law?	
	III.	We are now free from the Law and are sons of God (v. 26)	
		How do the concepts of <i>family</i> and <i>sonship</i> illustrate salvation by grace versus works?	
		Does this mean we can live as we like?	
		boes this mean we can live as we like.	
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R E I		ER YOUR VERDICT	
	-	you living a life of grace and freedom? Or are you frustrated as you try to live the stian life in your own strength?	

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One in Christ

Galatians 3:27–29

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INT	R O	DUCTION	
1	Paul	explains that with the coming of Jesus Christ, we are free to live a new life of	
1	free	dom "in Christ Jesus."	
,	Why	does Paul say it is foolish to go back to the Law?	
KEY	P	OINTS	
I	۱.	Followers of Jesus are united with Christ (v. 27)	
		Why is water baptism an effective illustration of our union with Christ? How is "putting on Christ" a picture of our new life in Christ?	
l	II.	Followers of Jesus are one in Christ Jesus (v. 28) How is everyone — regardless of gender, race, social status, or background — equal "in Christ Jesus"?	
ı	III.	Followers of Jesus are joint heirs with Christ (v. 29)	
		Why are all followers of Christ considered to the "heirs of the promise"?	
		When did God make the promise? What is included in the promise?	
REN	D E	R YOUR VERDICT	
1	Do y	ou see others, particularly those different from you, as equals in Christ?	

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Slaves or Sons

Galatians 4:1–11

INTRODUCTION	
When we are saved, we don't go back to our old way of life.	
KEY POINTS	
I. The slavery of the past (v. 1–3)	
Why does Paul use an analogy of children subject to the authority of guardians?	
How are we slaves to sin apart from the grace of God?	
II. The sonship of the present (v. 4–7)	
How does Paul recap God's perfect plan of redemption?	
In what way is adoption a beautiful picture of our new relationship with God?	
What is the significance of the gift of the Holy Spirit?	
III. Don't go back, but enjoy the freedom of sonship (v. 8–11)	
Why would it be so tragic for a believer to revert to life under the Law?	
RENDER YOUR VERDICT	
Are you moving forward in your life with Christ?	
Are you living a life transformed by the Spirit and continuing to grow and mature?	





Christ Formed in You

Galatians 4:12-20

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We have the opportunity to learn something of Paul's heart.

KEY POINTS

ı.	The relationship	between	Paul	and	the	Galat	ians

 $\label{thm:continuity} How was \ Paul \ initially \ received \ by \ the \ Galatians?$

As Paul writes why is he so anguished and perplexed?

II. The relationship of the pastor to the congregation

How does Paul demonstrate his love for the Galatians?

How does Paul stay true and focused on spiritual priorities?



Who or what is shaping you? Who are you trying to be like?

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Living in Freedom

Galatians 4:21–31

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NTRO	DDUCTION	
	Il concludes the main doctrinal section of the epistle by countering the false	
tea	chers on what they believe about the Law, as illustrated in the sons of Abraham.	
EY P	OINTS	
I.	The history of Hagar and Sarah (v. 21–23)	
	Why does the birth of Ishmael reflect a reliance on works?	
	How does the birth of Isaac differ as an illustration of faith?	
	now does the bil thorisaac unier as an illustration of faith:	
II.		
	The allegory of Hagar and Sarah (v. 24–27) How does Paul develop the allegory of Hagar and Sarah as two covenants?	
III.	The personal application (v. 28–31)	
	Why are followers of Christ considered "children of promise" (Isaac) versus	
	"children of the flesh" (Ishmael)?	
	Why are many "good" people threatened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ?	
END	ER YOUR VERDICT	
	ou were to stand before God today, on what basis would you expect Him to ept you?	



Stand Firm Galatians 5:1–6

Do you approach following Christ as a life of freedom?

INTRODUCTION	
Paul gives a practical summary of the impact of God's grace in our lives and offers	
encouragement and a serious warning.	
KEY POINTS	
I. Christ sets us free (v. 1)	
How does Christ set us free?	
now does climstact as need	
Why is approaching God through our own efforts pictured as "a yoke	
of slavery"?	
II. To return to works of the Law is to deny Christ (v. 2–4)	
Why does adding works to the Gospel undermine the redemptive work	
of Christ?	
Can followers of Christ lose their salvation?	
III. Faith waits and works (v. 5–6)	
What does it mean to "eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness"?	
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What role should good works play in our lives?	
How are we able to live transformed lives and pursue a life which glorifies God?	
RENDER YOUR VERDICT	



Called to Freedom Galatians 5:7-15

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NΊ	RC	DUCTION	
	Spi	ritual freedom lies at the heart of the universal desire of all people to be free.	
(E '	Y P	OINTS	
	ı.	Don't compromise true freedom (v. 7–12)	
		Why is it so important to reject and correct false teaching?	
	II.	Use your freedom wisely (v. 13–15)	
		What does it mean to exercise freedom in a responsible way?	
		True freedom isn't	
		True freedom is	
		and the power to	
		How are followers of Christ supposed to use our freedom?	
REI		ER YOUR VERDICT	
	HOV	w are you currently using your freedom?	
	Wh	at are some ways that you can use your freedom to serve others in love?	



Keeping in Step with the Spirit PART 1

Galatians 5:16-18

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NTR	O D U C T I O N	
	ten downplayed or misunderstood, the Holy Spirit plays a critical role in the life	
Of '	the believer.	
EY F	POINTS	
I.	The work of the Spirit in our conversion	
	Why do we need the Holy Spirit to convict us of our sin?	
	How does the Hely Spirit dispel our spiritual and moral darkness?	
	How does the Holy Spirit dispel our spiritual and moral darkness?	
	Why is true conversion a supernatural event?	
II.	The work of the Holy Spirit in all authentic followers of Jesus Christ	
	What does it mean to "receive" or be "indwelt" by the Holy Spirit? Who receives it? When do we receive it?	
	Why is being "sealed" by the Holy Spirit so significant?	
	What do we mean when we refer to the "baptism" of the Holy Spirit?	
END	ER YOUR VERDICT	
Are	you living a life in the Spirit?	
Но	w has the Holy Spirit transformed your life as a follower of Christ?	



Keeping in Step with the Spirit PART 2

Galatians 5:16-18

I N T	R C	DDUCTION	
		en we are saved by God's grace, we are indwelt by the Spirit of God and are	
	em	powered to know true freedom to love God and our neighbor.	
KEY	P	OINTS	
	I.	Reasons for walking by the Holy Spirit	
		What is the command for followers of Christ?	
		What is the promise when we walk by the Spirit?	
		What happens to the desires of our flesh?	
	II.	The meaning of walking by the Holy Spirit What is significant about walking with the Spirit on a continuous daily basis?	
		What is significant about walking with the Spirit on a continuous, daily basis?	
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		you know what it is to walk by the Spirit?	
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The Works of the Flesh

Galatians 5:19–21

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INTRODUCTION

I IN	IRC	DUCTION	
		followers of Christ, we experience a daily, ongoing conflict between the Spirit and our sinful desires.	
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N E	: I P		
	I.	Sins of immorality	
		What kinds of sins are mentioned?	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
		How does our culture encourage these sins?	
		Sins of religion	
	II.		
		How can idolatry be present in our daily lives?	
		What could be meant by sorcery?	
	III.	Sins of relationships	
		How can these sins poison our relationships?	
	IV.	Sins of excess	
		How do these sins oppose the presence of the Holy Spirit?	
	V.	A Serious Warning	
		What makes this such a serious warning?	
		Who does Paul mean to identify?	
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R F	ND	ER YOUR VERDICT	
	Wh	at works characterize your life?	

The Fruit of the Spirit PART 1 Galatians 5:22–26

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Christ lives in authentic followers of Jesus and, through His Spirit, produces	
beautiful fruit in us.	
What is the difference between works and fruit?	
what is the difference between works and truit :	
KEY POINTS	
I. The fruit of the Spirit is love	
Why is love primary and central to the fruits of the Spirit?	
How is love different from the works of the flesh?	
How do we demonstrate love?	
II. The fruit of the Spirit is joy	
What is the difference between joy and happiness?	
How do we demonstrate joy?	
III. The fruit of the Spirit is peace	
What is our enemy's lie about peace?	
Why is Jesus called the "Prince of Peace"?	
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How do we experience peace?	
RENDER YOUR VERDICT	
Do you see these fruits of the Spirit growing in your life?	

The Fruit of the Spirit PART 2 Galatians 5:22–26

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INT	RO	DUCTION	
	We	will examine the remaining six fruits of the Spirit.	
	Wh	at is the fruit of the Spirit meant to display?	
KEY	Y P	OINTS	
	I.	The fruit of the Spirit is patience, kindness, and goodness	
		How does patience display our love for others and our trust in God?	
		How does kindness reflect the kindness of God?	
		How is goodness different from justice?	
	II.	The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control	
		How is God faithful? How are we to demonstrate faithfulness?	
		How is gentleness different from weakness?	
		What does the presence or absence of self-control demonstrate?	
	III.	Life in the Spirit	
		How is this fruit produced?	
		What does it mean for us to "crucify the flesh"? How often does this happen?	
		what does it mean for dis to crucify the nesh : now often does this happen:	
REI	N D I	ER YOUR VERDICT	
	Are	you living by the Spirit?	
	Can	you see the supernatural transformation and fruit in your life?	

Caring for Others Galatians 6:1–5

INTRODUCTION	
Living by the Spirit includes caring for one another.	
Why does Satan love to isolate us?	
KEY POINTS	
I. When we bear the burdens of others, we are involved in spiritua restoration (v. 1)	ıl
How should we respond when one of our fellow believers fall into sin	n?
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What is the concept of restoration?	
How is restoration accomplished?	
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II. When we bear the burdens of others, we are fulfilling the Law of Christ (v. 2)	
What does it mean to bear the burdens of others?	
How is the Law of Christ different from the Mosaic Law?	
RENDER YOUR VERDICT	
Have you given your burdens to Christ?	
Are you involved in bearing someone's burden?	

Sowing and Reaping Galatians 6:6-10

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Th	ere are future consequences for present attitudes, actions, and habits.	
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vvr	ny does Paul warn us not to be deceived? What is the popular lie?	
KEY F	POINTS	
ı.	Sowing and reaping in pastoral ministry (v. 6)	
	How is preaching and teaching a picture of sowing and reaping?	
	What is the responsibility of those who are taught the Word?	
II.	Sowing and reaping in our personal lives (v. 7–8)	
	What is the difference between sowing to the flesh and sowing to the Spirit?	
	How can your sowing impact your eternal destiny and your present quality of life?	
	or inc.	
III.	Sowing and reaping in our relationships (v. 9–10).	
	How do we sow the seed of goodness in our relationships?	
	What are the abellances?	
	What are the challenges?	
REND	ER YOUR VERDICT	
Are	you sowing to the flesh or the Spirit?	

Boasting in the Cross Galatians 6:11–18

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	INTRODUCTION		
As we come to the concluding verses of Galatians, Paul brings us back to the cross of Christ.			
Wh	y does the message of the cross naturally oppose our flesh?		
KEY P	OINTS		
l.	The cross of the Lord Jesus Christ is essential for our righteousness (our salvation)		
	How does the cross remind us of the fundamental choice between works		
	and grace?		
	Why is it essential that we share the truth of Christ crucified?		
	Why is a key lesson in Galatians that there can be nothing added to the Gospel?		
II.	The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is essential for our renewal (our sanctification)		
	How is it that our conversion and our subsequent life following Christ are both supernatural?		
	How is a life in the Spirit fundamentally different from a life based on the rules		
	How is a life in the Spirit fundamentally different from a life based on the rules and regulations of the Law?		
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