

OUR MISSION

We exist to be a refuge, drawing ourselves and others into a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HILLSIDE KIDS: We have more children in this church than we have ever had. Consider volunteering one Sunday a month. See Laura for details as we invest in our children's growing faith. The only places where our children hear about Jesus today is at home or church. Help us make a difference in their faith.

GROUPS RETURN NEXT WEEK: Our Tuesday prayer group and Wednesday Bible study start back this coming week. Prayer is at 6:30pm on Tuesday and our Bible Study starts back on Wednesday. We will cover Romans 4.

ANNUAL READING: Our annual reading continues. This week's reading is: Psalms 37 - 46



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THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

Galatians 1:1-5

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INTRODUCTION

-You will not draw closer to God through what I say. You will draw closer to God **through His Word** and **His Spirit**.

THE HISTORY AND NEED *(and maps)*

-Christianity is founded, not on a *philosophy*, nor *mysticism*, nor *wishful thinking*. Christianity begins as **Jesus**, God with us, **dies** a literal death, **rises**, **ascends**, and **leaves us His Holy Spirit**, to start His literal Church that spread the Gospel across the world through **verifiable events**.

-What happens is when we understand **basic facts of Christianity**, and see that they are true, these facts increases our faith.

-When we look at the transformation of the disciples in Scripture and we **see what they sacrificed** for people everywhere to know the **Gospel**, how does our response compare in modern day?

-It only takes a new **priority**, a **distraction**, a few moments of **apathy**, to find ourselves placing something **in front of** the true reason for our lives in Christ.

GREETINGS *Galatians 1:1-5*

Names Matter

- **Saul**-The Jewish name of the man, often tied to the Judaism left behind.
- **Paul**-The Roman name of the man, the reminder of the Gentiles that Paul was commissioned to.

-In Scripture, there is a dividing line between **who we once were** and **who we are in Christ**. The person who continually **postures their life** upon the foot of the cross is never the same.

Revelation 2:17 (ESV) *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a **new name** written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.*

Revelation 3:12 (ESV) *The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will **write on him the name of my God**, and the **name of the city of my God**, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, **and my own new name**.*

-Believers who live identifying themselves with Christ by **faith**, as they begin eternity, find **Jesus** identifying Himself **with them**.

Ephesians 4:1–4 (ESV) *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ **eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—*

-**Unity** is only as strong as what you are unified by.

-Paul summarizes the provision made for the Gospel in the most foundational way: **Christ died for sinners** in submission to **God's will** for people.

-The most obvious, yet difficult step of approaching the cross of Jesus, is **to remove anything you may be holding** in your hands or heart.

-We often have the **distinct complication** that we believe we can shape the Gospel, when **the Gospel** was always meant to **shape us**.

-Are you satisfied with what Jesus Christ has done for you?

-We will never add to the Gospel **in the eyes of God** because He is already **completely satisfied** with what Christ has done.

If we are to come before the cross empty handed and surrendered, what is it that we are holding onto that keeps us from the pure Gospel of Christ?