

Galatians, Free in Grace

(0) Glossary of terms

Glossary of some terms for the book of Galatians

1. The Gospel:
 - a. The good news that Christ died for our sins and that by faith alone in Him we have eternal life. Also known as the New Covenant
2. The Law:
 - a. This refers to the commandments given to the nation of Israel through Moses. It includes the 10 commandments, civil, moral, ceremonial, and societal laws. Also known as the Old Covenant.
3. The Old Testament:
 - a. This refers to the first 39 books of the Bible (Genesis to Malachi). It is broadly divided into two parts, the Law and the Prophets. It is to be distinguished from the Old Covenant. It contains the Old Covenant but is more extensive.
4. The New Testament:
 - a. This refers to the last 27 books of the Bible (Mathew to Revelation). It contains the New Covenant, the Gospel, but is more extensive. It also includes prophecy as well as some crucial early church history.
5. “another gospel”:
 - a. This refers to perversions of the true Gospel. Anything added to or taken away from the true Gospel. Declared to be ‘no gospel at all’.
6. Judaism:
 - a. The way of life for Jews living under the old covenant. Included staggering rules and regulations on how to be acceptable to God, most of them fabricated by the Jewish religious leaders.
7. Grace:
 - a. The way of life for a true believer, in Christ. Saved by grace, live in grace, eternal life through grace. No self works to obtain grace or retain grace, but genuine good works flow from grace.
8. Justified:
 - a. To have a clean slate before the Lord. Absolute total perfection is required and it is only the righteousness of Christ imputed (reckoned to ones account) to a sinner that would ever justify. This justification of the sinner by faith alone in Christ is the Gospel.