

A Gospel-Centered Church

Galatians Series – Part 1

Scripture text – Galatians 1:1-10

Background

- 33 AD – Jesus _____ to heaven
- 34 AD – Saul of Tarsus becomes a _____ and changes his name to Paul
- 47 AD – Paul begins his 1st _____ journey, establishing churches in the region of Galatia (modern day Turkey)
- While resting & preparing for his 2nd journey, Paul receives word that a _____ is burning in the recently-established churches in Galatia
- In response, Paul writes a letter to the churches, a letter we call *Galatians*

The Problem

- Simply put, the churches were abandoning the _____, not more than two years after having received it with great joy.
- FBC Harlan was likewise founded on the Gospel. The Articles of Incorporation state: “*The purpose of this church shall be the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. [The church] shall seek to attain this through the _____ of the Gospel.*”
- Our founding members would want us to remain gospel-_____.

3 Features of the Gospel

1. Its _____ -- *who gave himself for our _____*
 - John MacArthur: “Salvation doesn’t come from wanting to end emotional _____ -- it comes when the heart cries out for deliverance from _____.”
2. Its _____ -- *to _____ us from the present evil age*
 - This rescue is both _____ and _____
 - What we are rescued from presently is sin’s _____ power
3. Its _____ - *to whom be _____ forever and ever*
 - Ultimately, the Gospel redounds to the glory of God; in other words, it results in all creation _____ him

