

PAUL TO GALATIA - MARCH 1, 2026 - GARY ALLEN HENECKE DD



⁵ "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; ¹⁶ nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified through the Law's deeds, but through Christ Jesus' faithfulness, even we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we may be made righteous through Christ's faith and not by doing the Law; since through the works of the Law no flesh will be made right ¹⁹ "For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. ²¹ "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly." **Galatians 2**

1. Why Paul went to Jerusalem and its story Acts 14:24- 15: 41 – Silas replaces Barnabas.
2. To understand why Paul would refuse to circumcise Titus (but had Timothy circumcised later on, as recorded in Acts 16:1-3.)
3. To appreciate why it was necessary for Paul to rebuke Peter to his face.
4. To understand why if righteousness comes by the law, then Christ's death was in vain.
5. The Good News:
 - a. Jesus is risen – triumphant over evil (without sin)
 - b. His Spirit gives all who turn to him – New Birth
 - c. The Spirit Of God is Jesus and all to whom he gives his Spirit – life
 - i. Jesus is the Way to God
 - ii. Jesus is Reality – Truth
 - iii. Jesus is life.

1 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

You senseless Galatians! Who has cast a spell on you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly proclaimed as crucified. I would ask you just one thing: Did you receive the Spirit through observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so thoughtless? Having begun spiritually, are you to be perfected through the physical? Has all you experienced been for nothing— really was it in vain? Does he who gives you his Spirit and works miracles among you, do it through your observing the law, or by your believing what you heard? So also Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. Understand, then, that those of faith are the children of Abraham. (Gal 3:1-7)

God Is.

- A. All that is truly alive is God - he is “The Living One”.
 - a. God alone is self-determined.
 - b. All else is from him - of him - to him.
 - c. All else receives whatever life they (it) has.
- B. God is always greater than my grasp - ability to comprehend.
 - a. My imagination - my understanding - my accumulated experience.
 - b. I must always be open to his enlightening - open to correction.
- C. God reveals his very self - though our natural elements - revelation
 - a. God is his Word - His word is never whole - always partial - until Christ.
 - b. To say Revelation is to say - Jesus the Christ. - God is veiled in him.
- D. In Jesus - the Word becomes flesh - the ultimate became present.
 - a. God was in Christ - healing - reconciling the cosmos - II Cor 5:19.
 - b. The whole of God was in Christ - Colossians 1:15-19.
 - c. The center of this revelation is “Christ on his cross”.
 - d. Now add: Colossians 1:20-21.
- E. The fulness of God became this one man - revealing and healing.
 - a. The human response to revelation - is religion.
 - b. Religion seeks to be the “end-all” - the cause - spiritual - but is human.
 - c. Religion is created around Jesus - but he is life.
 - d. He is present in his Holy Spirit.
- F. If I am to have life - If I am to have Truth - If I would know the WAY - it is him.
 - a. To add to him is an act of unbelief.
 - b. My thoughts are of and about God - they are not God.
 - c. What we use to think about God is our journey - our experiences - Me.
 - d. Jesus is God unfolding - revealing - explaining himself.
- G. The center of the revelation - is (Gethsemane - Golgotha - resurrection).
 - a. In Jesus God enters human existence and sanctifies it - heals it - gives life.
 - b. This is “Good News!!!”
 - c. He defines the church (congregation) - The church does not define him.
- H. The veil of our manmade temples has been rent. We are going to a city that has no temple. We have no needs but him. He is our light - our life. Rev 20:1-4, 22-27
- I. All God’s promises find their YES is him - we are the praise team “Amen.” II Cor 1: 19-21