

The Book of Galatians

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Morning Devotions

Read a Scripture passage of your choice. Talk with the Lord as you read his Word. When you are finished, go back and select one or two verses which you believe God is using to speak to you and meditate thoughtfully and prayerfully on what he is saying.

Morning Study

Yesterday we read through Paul's letter to the Galatians. Now we will begin to look at it more closely. This morning we will look at the first section – **Galatians 1:1-2:21**. This section can be divided into three subsections. Read each subsection and answer for yourself the questions associated with them. Type out your answers or jot them down on a piece of paper and file your answers with your morning study.

Read Galatians 1:1-10

- In **1:6**, what was Paul astonished by?
- What is the result of a “perverted” gospel (**1:7**)?
- In **1:10**, what does Paul say is the thing that does not please men?

Read Galatians 1:11-24

- What was the source of the Gospel Paul preached? (**1:11-12**).
- In **1:15-16**, what does Paul say is the key thing that qualified him to preach Jesus among the Gentiles?
- In **1:16-24**, what is Paul's purpose in describing to the Galatians his movements during the first 14 years (**2:1**) after his salvation (note his last statement in **verse 16**).

Read Galatians 2:1-21

- In **2:1-5**, what is the main point Paul is making to the Galatians out of his visit to the leaders in Jerusalem?
- In **2:6-10**, what was the grace that James, Peter and John recognized in Paul?
- What was Peter not acting in line with when he separated himself from the Christian Gentiles? (**2:11-21**).

MEMORY VERSE

I do not set aside the grace of God,
for if righteousness could be gained
through the law, Christ died for nothing!

Galatians 2:21

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!