

Galatians Chapters 1 and 2

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SERIES OVERVIEW. The undercurrent of the entire book of Galatians in one word is this: grace. It's about the real gospel versus a fake gospel. While many are caught trying to earn their way to God, he's telling us to look up. He's waiting for us to stop trying to earn his love and start learning to live from being loved.

QUESTIONS:

- Most people don't associate religion with freedom. Usually, the moral laws of religion are misinterpreted as restrictive and unjust instead of helpful and life giving. Do you think people see Christianity this way? Do you see Christianity this way?
- In chapter 1, Paul says that the church has been fooled into following some sort of gospel other than the one that he preached. What is the "Good News" that Paul preached? What makes the gospel (the good news that Jesus' grace extends to anyone who believes in him) different from other religious or moral codes?
- Have you ever felt yourself heading in the wrong direction and want to save yourself by jerking the wheel, as hard as possible, in the opposite direction? In what real life instances have you found yourself overcorrecting? What were the consequences of swinging to the other extreme so abruptly? What overcorrection does Paul address in Galatians 2?
- Legalism is right behavior with wrong belief. What does that look like and how have you seen legalism creep into your life? Did you respond by overcorrecting? How can you allow your faith to change your behaviors and beliefs?
- What wrecking ball in Galatians 2:17-21 demolishes the barriers of legalism and hypocrisy? How can your faith in Jesus prevent you from overcorrecting and veering into the extremes of legalism and hypocrisy?
- Read Galatians 2:20. What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? How often do you allow it to happen in your life?

CLOSING: What did you need to hear today? How will you respond?