

## One Year Bible – Week 38

### **Summary: Galatians Reading**

The book of Galatians takes a different turn from the books of Corinthians. Rather than the sinful living in Corinth, in Galatia Paul is addressing legalism. A group of Jews are demanding that gentile converts become circumcised. Paul makes a case for following the true Gospel of Jesus Christ and not becoming a Jew. Key themes in the book of Galatians are *justification* and *freedom*.

### **Summary: Isaiah Reading**

The book of Isaiah moves into its second and third section with this weeks reading. Chapters 13-23 speak of prophecy to the surrounding nations to Judah. Chapters 24-35 give future prophecy to the people of Judah as they face invasion from Assyria.

### **Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:**

- *NT* – “I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.” (Gal 1:11-12) These words from the book of Galatians, and in fact the whole Bible, are not simply man made teaching. These words represent God’s truth. What we read here we can be confident that God had written down for us to know the truth. – *Sept 14*

### **Small Group Questions:**

- 1) *NT* – Read Gal 1:6-9. Paul uses strong language in these opening verses to the book of Galatians. In this book Paul will be discussing a form of legalism. Why do you think he talks of this as a “different gospel?” Why do you think Paul suggests judgment as serious as eternal condemnation? What does this passage tell us about the way one follows God? About the way we lead people to God as a church? – *Sept 14*
- 2) *OT* – Read Pr 23:13-14. This passage is talking about parental discipline. What is it saying about discipline? How does discipline correlate with one’s soul being saved from death? How do you think this passage applies to the way Christian parents would live today in America? – *Sept 15*

- 3) *NT* – Read Gal 2:15-21. As in the book of Romans, Paul again uses this word “justified.” Another way to say that one is justified is to be “declared righteous.” The law is essentially the rules of the Old Testament, the Mosaic Law. What observations do you make from this passage regarding our faith? How would you explain what is being said in verse 16? Give some examples of how people today attempt to be “justified by observing the law.” What is Paul saying in verse 21b? How should we understand God’s law today? Our justification? How does this affect the way we live? – *Sept 15-16*
- 4) *NT* – Read Gal 3:19-25. What is the purpose of the law (cite references in the passage); what does it accomplish? How does the law accomplish this? – *Sept 17-18*
- 5) *OT* – Read Is 30:15-18. In the context of this passage Isaiah is giving a warning/rebuke to Judah for seeking help from Egypt rather than trusting in God. How would you describe the way Isaiah portrays the attitude of Judah (God’s people)? Cite any verses that contribute to your description. What does verse 18 tell us about God? How do you see God’s grace, compassion, and justice being connected to the previous verses? What does this passage say to us as we try to live faithfully to God almost three thousand years later? – *Sept 19*

### **Journal the Psalms this week:**

In Psalm 61:2c the Psalmist says: “lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” What do you think of this statement? What is the Psalmist asking here? What is meant by “rock that is higher than I?” Spend some moments in quiet reflection on these questions. Journal your answers. Then spend some time journaling the Psalmists prayer to God as your own. – *Sept 17*

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### **Reading Schedule:**

Is = Isaiah / 2Co = 2 Corinthians / Gal = Galatians / Ps = Psalms /  
Pr = Proverbs



Sept 13 – Is 12:1-14:32 / 2Co 13:1-14 / Ps 57:1-11 / Pr 23:9-11  
Sept 14 – Is 15:1-18:7 / Gal 1:1-24 / Ps 58:1-11 / Pr 23:12  
Sept 15 – Is 19:1-21:17 / Gal 2:1-16 / Ps 59:1-17 / Pr 23:13-14  
Sept 16 – Is 22:1-24:23 / Gal 2:17-3:9 / Ps 60:1-12 / Pr 23:15-16  
Sept 17 – Is 25:1-28:13 / Gal 3:10-22 / Ps 61:1-8 / Pr 23:17-18  
Sept 18 – Is 28:14-30:11 / Gal 3:23-4:31 / Ps 62:1-12 / Pr 23:19-21  
Sept 19 – Is 30:12-33:12 / Gal 5:1-12 / Ps 63:1-11 / Pr 23:22