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Chapter 1

- 1. The word apostle simply means "to be sent out" or "sent out ones", who has called Paul to be an apostle?
- 2. In verse 3, Paul combines the Greek word "charis" which means grace, and the Hebrew word "shalom" which means peace into his greeting. This greeting is used 17 times in the New Testament in this order "grace and peace" In order to know the peace of God, you have to understand the grace of God, do you?
- 3. In verse 6, why is Paul in such a state of marvel?
- 4. In verses 8-9, Paul is dealing with a life and death issue and he uses strong language here, "let him be accursed", who and what is he speaking of?
- 5. Paul has to speak harshly to the Christians in Galatia because they were in serious danger; they were on the wrong track. Notice in verse 10 he doesn't apologize for his straightforwardness. Are you seeking approval from others or God? Pray for the courage to seek Gods approval above anyone else.
- 6. The gospel that was preached to Paul, was it received and taught to him by man?
- 7. Paul tells us about his conversion, How long did he spend in Arabia?
- 8. Who are the only two apostles Paul sees after returning to Jerusalem?
- 9. In verses 21-24, Paul's changed life had brought praise from those who saw him and heard about him. When people look at you, do they see that God has made changes in you? If not you might not be living like you should.

Chapter 2

- When Paul and Barnabas went up to Jerusalem, how much time elapsed since Paul's first journey?
- 2. In verse 6, we read that God is no respecter of persons. Be encouraged, when you feel insignificant around others, God sees us all on the same plane and he loves us all equally, Amen!
- 3. Verse 10 exhorts us to remember the poor. This is a constant theme in scripture, but often we are caught up in our own needs, that we do nothing. The world and this country are filled with legitimate poor people, what can you do to help?
- 4. Why did Paul oppose Peter in Antioch? and the bible tells us that Barnabas was "carried away", how?
- 5. According to verse 16, how are we justified?
- Verse 21 is tremendously powerful. If we could be made righteous by keeping the law, then the Lord Jesus did not need to die for us. Meditate on the fact that God the Father would not have sent His son to the cross if we could be saved by the law.

Chapter 3

- 1. The Galatians begun in the spirit, but they were endeavoring to improve their righteousness. Why did Paul say "Oh foolish Galatians"?
- 2. Who are the sons of Abraham?
- 3. Have you ever said "I'll do better next time" or "I'll never do that again"? Trying to be right with God by our own effort doesn't work. According to verse 11, how can we break that cycle of failure?
- 4. According to verse 13, what has Christ redeemed us from?
- 5. According to verse 19, why was the law given?

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- 6. In verse 24, how is the law described?
- 7. Why are we heirs according to the promise?

Chapter 4

- 1. As Christians we are adopted children of God, we share with the Lord Jesus all the rights to Gods resources. We are heirs and claim what he has provided for us, praise the Lord!
- 2. Notice in verse 6 the term "Abba" this is the Hebrew word for father, but it's more like our English word "daddy". It's a term of endearment, closeness, and coziness. Do you feel this towards your heavenly Father?
- 3. According to verses 8-11, why does Paul say "I am afraid for you"?
- 4. In verses 13-14, Paul commended the Galatians for not despising or rejecting him, even though his condition was revolting to them. Do you avoid those in pain or those facing difficulty or are you willing to care for them if they were Lord Jesus himself?
- 5. In verse 22 who is the bondwoman? and who is the freewoman?
- 6. In verse24 these two women serve as an illustration of Gods two covenants. Now concerning their children, who was the child of the flesh, and who was the child of the promise?

Chapter 5

- 1. What is Paul commanding us not to be entangled with?
- 2. According to verse 4, in order for us to be estranged from Christ and fall from grace, what must we do?
- 3. According to verse 6, what's the most important thing to the Lord?
- 4. Verse 8 is a very important scripture. Beware of the weird interpretations of scripture. Paul says "this persuasion did not come to you from the Lord". We here at Calvary Chapel of Vero Beach encourage you to read your bible daily, use Gods word as your filter against worldly influences. The bible says, "Take the sword of the spirit which is the word of God".
- 5. What is meant by "a little leaven leavens the whole lump"?
- 6. According to verse 13, how should we use our liberty?
- 7. What is the consequence if we bite and devour one another?
- 8. In order to not fulfill the lust of the flesh, what are we to do?
- For a better understanding of the works of the flesh, do a word study by using a good bible dictionary and or the website <u>www.blueletterbible.com</u>
- 10. In contrast to the works of the flesh, we have the fruit of the spirit. These are characteristics of a person who has a growing relationship with the Lord Jesus. Do a word study on these as well and examine your growth as a Christian.

Chapter 6

- 1. According to verses 1-3, we should never think we are totally independent and don't need help. Do you know someone who needs your help? Humbly and gently reach out to that person
- In verses 7-8, it is a natural law to reap what you sow. If you sow corn you're not going to reap pumpkins, but if you plant seed to please yourself you will

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- reap a crop of sorrow. If you plant to please God you will reap joy and everlasting life. What kind of seeds are you sowing?
- 3. We are not to grow weary while doing good, and we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time. Whenever the opportunity, who should we do good to?
- 4. What is the only exception that Paul said he would actually "BOAST"?
- 5. We hope that this book served as an inspiration to accept the grace of God and enter into the life of the Spirit. Grace and Peace to you.