



AMAZING
Grace

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Ephesians 2 (NASB)

Made Alive in Christ

2 : 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead [f]in our transgressions, made us alive together [g]with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and [h]that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God

This letter was written specifically to counteract false teachers who were trying to turn the Galatians freedom in Christ into legalism, and works for salvation.

How many religions, and even Christian churches and organizations have to deal with the same issues even today? (Are there any Paul's in the house today, ready to counteract false teachings?)

We need to be bold and counter act with truth to keep our brethren free, because people are so easily mislead.

I am not remiss to say, there are many wolves in sheep's clothing in the church today.

Galatians 1 (NASB)

Introduction

1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from [a]God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil [b]age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

Perversion of the Gospel

6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you [c]by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who

are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel [d]contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be [e]accursed! 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel [f]contrary to what you received, he is to be [g]accursed!

10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

Paul Defends His Ministry

11 For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; 14 and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my [h]countrymen, being more extremely zealous

for my ancestral traditions. 15 But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased 16 to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with [i]flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus. 18 Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to [j]become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days.

19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except [k]James, the Lord's brother. 20 (Now in what I am writing to you, [l]I assure you before God that I am not lying.)21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 I was still unknown by [m]sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ; 23 but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy." 24 And they were glorifying God [n]because of me.

Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

1 Corinthians 1:27 NIV

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

The New Living Translation says it well..

New Living Translation

Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise.

And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.

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7 which is really not another (He's talking about the gospel); only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

Whenever people set up additional requirements for salvation, they deny the power of Jesus's death on the cross.

There is nothing more powerful than the blood of Jesus and No other sacrifice can save us from our sins.

Hebrews 10:26 says NIV

If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,

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For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

John 14:6 (KJV)

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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