*Monday, May 13, 2013*

**Galatians**

Galatians 1:1-3 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) 2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, (KJV)

The book of Galatians is written by Paul, an apostle of the Lord who understood what the term grace meant. He knew that salvation was no longer based on works, but faith in what the Lord was doing in and through him. While he was on his second missionary journey, the Judaizers went to Galatia and told the Christians that Paul was not an apostle and that his message of salvation by trusting Christ was not from God, but from men; that it was necessary to be circumcised and keep the law of Moses in order to be saved. When Paul reached Antioch in Syria, he heard of these charges, and this destructive propaganda against him and his work in Galatia. So he wrote this letter about A.D. 54 or 55. His purpose was to counteract the negative influence of these false teachers, defend himself as a divinely-appointed apostle, set forth his elemental message of right standing with God by trusting in Christ (not by circumcision and obedience to the law), and to show that this teaching means finer moral living and the bearing of fruit in the Spirit. Many have zeal and a desire to be used by the Lord, however, few are willing to step out in faith and answer the Lord’s calling, instead of mans’.

Galatians 1:3-5 Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: 5 To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)

The whole plan and purpose of salvation was to deliver us from bondage of sin to a realm of life; free from guilt and fear of death. I have found for myself personally that as I have delivered a message based on the doctrine of Christ the enemy has done all he can to discredit not only the message, but the messenger too.

Matthew 6:22-24 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (KJV)

Once the Lord has shown you the way of escape which can only come through Christ, He expects you to continue on this path of life to the end. The root of all evil is the love of money, where you are no longer focused on the things above, but have walked back into bondage again by your double vision. I bring this up because when I was young in the Lord and seeking truth, I found many organizations that were more in love with outward things than inward. Those are what I now label as religious organizations and not the true Church which the Lord desired to see established in His name.

God bless dearly loved, and have a very prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.