

WHITFIELD PARISH

St James' Church † St Luke's Church

LIFE Group Notes w/b Sunday 13 January 2008

Under attack
Galatians 1.11-2.10

To get started:

1. What kinds of attacks on Christianity do you hear today?
2. Have you ever been attacked for being a Christian? Was it you or was it the Gospel under attack? What's the difference?

Comment:

Last week we saw in Galatians 1 v.1-10 how some people had come and perverted the simple Gospel of Grace that Paul preached. The result was they had deserted this message of grace and so come under Paul's condemnation.

3. Can you explain in your own words how the words perversion, desertion and condemnation summarise Galatians 1 v.1-10?

Now read Galatians 1 v.11 – 2 v.10

4. According to 1 v.12, where did Paul get his gospel from?
5. Before Paul's conversion, which Christian preachers explained the gospel to Paul?
6. According to 1 v.13-14, what evidence does Paul give to prove his Jewishness?

7. What is unusual about Paul's conversion? (Compare 1 v.16 with Acts 26 v.12-18.)
8. Why do you think Paul made his two visits to Jerusalem? Why do you think Paul makes much of this?
9. What conclusion do James, Peter and John come to about Paul's ministry and message in 2 v.6-10?
Why was this conclusion so vital in the history of the church?
10. I once heard a clergyman say, "I disagree with Paul on this."
In the light of what we have read in Galatians so far (Galatians 1 v.1 – 2 v.10), what is the problem with that statement?
11. What is the relationship between Paul's teaching and Jesus' teaching?
12. In the light of this week's study, why is the New Testament full of Paul's letters?
Explain, in 'non-churchy' words, why Paul's writings are so important.

For your prayers:

Please pray for the *START* course on Wednesday 16 January 7.30 – 8.30pm. For Colin Cooper and Mike Williams leading and eleven people taking the course.

Please pray for the HOPE 08 'Lifestyle' Coffee Morning at Bradbury House Community Centre on Saturday 19 January 9.30am – 12 noon. Better still pray and attend! Look forward to seeing you there.