

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: June 5, 2019
Intro & Galatians 1:1-5

1. Who wrote the Book of Galatians?
 - a. John
 - b. Paul

2. Who was this book written to?
 - a. A single church in a particular person's home.
 - b. A group of churches that Paul had planted.
 - c. The churches in the region of Galatia.
 - d. The churches in a portion of modern-day Turkey.

3. Why was this letter written?
 - a. He had some issues that he wanted to address with the Galatian churches.
 - b. There were heresies that needed addressed.
 - c. The "Judaizers," who were Jewish Christians, were trying to convince the church during that time that Christians needed to follow certain Old Testament laws and rituals in order to follow Christ. They were also trying to discredit Paul as a true apostle, particularly because he was advocating that Christians did not need to follow all of these practices (See also Acts 15:1-35).
 - d. There were some who were trying to affirm pagan libertinism (disregard of authority or convention in sexual or religious matters)

4. Are there still people like this in the church today? Yes____ No____ Explain. _____

5. How does Paul begin this letter, addressing these issues in 1:1?
 - a. He is an apostle.
 - b. He is not sent from men nor by a man.
 - c. He is sent by Jesus Christ and God the Father.

6. Why do you think that Paul needed to remind the Galatians of who sent him?
 - a. If he is sent by God, his message has God's authority.
 - b. There were those who were questioning his message, either or to affirm Jewish legalism.
 - c. Paul's message had many opponents, so he had to remind people that it wasn't "his message", but God's.
 - d. There were those who would question the authority by which Paul preached.

7. Do people still question the authority of those sent by God to preach the Gospel?
Yes____ No____ Explain. _____

8. What does Paul say about Christ in 1:3-5?
 - a. He gave himself for our sins.
 - b. He came to rescue us from the present evil age.
 - c. He did all of this according to the will of God (the Father).

9. Why do you think Paul continually reminded Christians of who Jesus was and what he did?____

10. Do we also need these reminders? _____