

# The Story Of Us



## Part 6: The Meeting House (Remember When We Had A Baby?)



"We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time."  
~ T.S. Eliot, *Little Gidding*

### INTRODUCTION – ENDING WHERE WE BEGAN

Matthew 28:19-20

Revelation 2:4-5

2 Corinthians 7:1

Luke 6:46

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Psalms 85:6

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Acts 20:24

### REDEEMING GALATIA – A FAMILY OF IRRELIGIOUS CHURCHES

Galatians 1:1-2; 2:16, 20-21; 5:1, 6; 13-14; 6:9, 14, 18.

### ARE WE MOVING TOO FAST FOR YOU?

Acts...

1 Corinthians 12:6

1 Peter 4:10

### CONCLUSION – WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

- #1 – \_\_\_\_\_ for help in your spiritual growth.
- #2 – \_\_\_\_\_ Discovery Classes or Discipleship Classes.
- #3 – \_\_\_\_\_ with others in a Home Church.
- #4 – \_\_\_\_\_ what God has entrusted to your care.
- #5 – \_\_\_\_\_ your life to following Jesus.

### Home church questions...

#### WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, share the one thing that most encouraged or challenged you, either from this one message or from the entire series.

#### LOOK TO THE BOOK (AN OVERVIEW OF GALATIANS)...

- 2. Read **Galatians 1:1-10**. a) In **v. 6-7** Paul shares his disappointment with the Galatian churches for deserting the true gospel of *grace*. If the true gospel is one of grace (that is, salvation as a gift rather than a wage), what was the other gospel that the Galatians were embracing (see **2:21; 4:9-10; 6:12-13**, etc.)? b) What might be some contemporary parallels to these issues in the church today? c) According to **6:12-13**, what is the primary motivation for *religious* Christians in their evangelistic efforts? Do you see evidence of that being true in Western churches today? d) Discuss the current need for people to hear Paul's warning in **1:8** along with that in **2 Corinthians 11:3-4**. Who could these verses apply to today?
- 3. Read **Galatians 2**. a) In **v. 4** Paul speaks of the *liberty* or *freedom* we have in Christ. The question is, freedom from what? (Look at the context of this verse to guide your answer.) b) What do you think is Paul's point in **v. 16**? c) What do you think is Paul's meaning in **v. 20**? Discuss it phrase by phrase.
- 4. Read **Galatians 3:23-4:11**. a) According to **3:23-25**, what was the purpose of the Old Testament Law? b) According to **3:27**, how should we dress for church? (How does **4:6-7** help inform your answer?) c) What are some ways Christians today are tempted to "turn back" to "week and miserable" religion as described in **4:9-11**?

#### SO WHAT?...

5. Review the five "next steps" listed in the conclusion section of these notes. Which one do you think you should take next?

#### SPECIAL BONUS QUESTION (NO EXTRA CHARGE!)...

6. How would you use **Galatians 5:1** to explain the message of Jesus to a non-Christian friend?

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