Postcards from Apostle Paul "VIGILANCE"





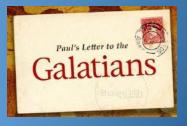




Chapters 1-2 Paul shares his personal experience with Grace through his life story.

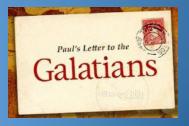
Chapters 3-4 Paul provides doctrinal instruction about Grace.

Chapters 5-6 He describes the practical application of Grace.



Legalism spreads through the church by the three R'^s of false religion:

- Rules
- Regulations
- Rituals



1. God, who is Himself Truth and speaks truth only, has inspired Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.

2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms: obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.

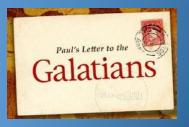


3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine Author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.

4. Being wholly and verbally God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God's acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God's saving grace in individual lives.



5. The authority of Scripture is inescapably impaired if this total divine inerrancy is in any way limited or disregarded, or made relative to a view of truth contrary to the Bible's own; and such lapses bring serious loss to both the individual and the Church.



"When I was a young man I thought Paul was making too much of his call. I did not understand his purpose. I did not then realize the importance of the ministry... We exalt our calling, not to gain glory among men, or money, or satisfaction, or favor, but because people need to be assured that the words we speak are the words of God. This is no sinful pride. It is holy pride."

Martin Luther

"Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will".

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Anathema

 Specifically, an offering resulting from a vow, which after being consecrated .. was hung upon the walls or columns of the temple, or put in some other conspicuous place

- A thing devoted to God without hope of being redeemed, and if an animal, to be slain; therefore a person or thing doomed to destruction

