

Guarding the Gospel of Grace

Preserving Liberty in Christ





The Book of Galatians

➔ 1-2 The Gospel of Grace **Defended**

3-4 The Gospel of Grace **Explained**

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The **Book of Galatians** so far:

- **Greetings** in the **gospel** 1:1-5
- You have believed **another gospel!** 1:6-10
- The **gospel I preached** came from **Christ!** 1:11-24
- The **apostles** accepted **that gospel** 2:1-10
- I confronted **Peter** over **that gospel!** 2:11-19
- I live in the **power** of **that gospel!** 2:20-21

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A. How did you **Learn** about **Christ**? 1

B. How did you **Come** to **Christ**? 2

C. How do you **Grow** in **Christ**? 3-5



A. How did you **Learn** about **Christ**?

- You **Foolish** Galatians!
 - = Spiritually dull
 - Refer back to 1:6 “I marvel that you are so soon removed ... unto another gospel”

A. How did you **Learn** about **Christ**?

- Who has **Bewitched** you?
 - = Led You astray

**“Bewitched” =
Led into Error**



**DON'T
BE LED
ASTRAY**

A. How did you **Learn** about **Christ**?

- To **Not Obey** the truth!
 - = Not be persuaded by the truth
 - (Instead, persuaded by error)

A. How did you **Learn** about **Christ**?

- Jesus Christ has been **Set Forth!**
 - Before your eyes
 - = Portrayed openly

Evidently set forth =
“Displayed on a poster”



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A. How did you **Learn** about **Christ**?

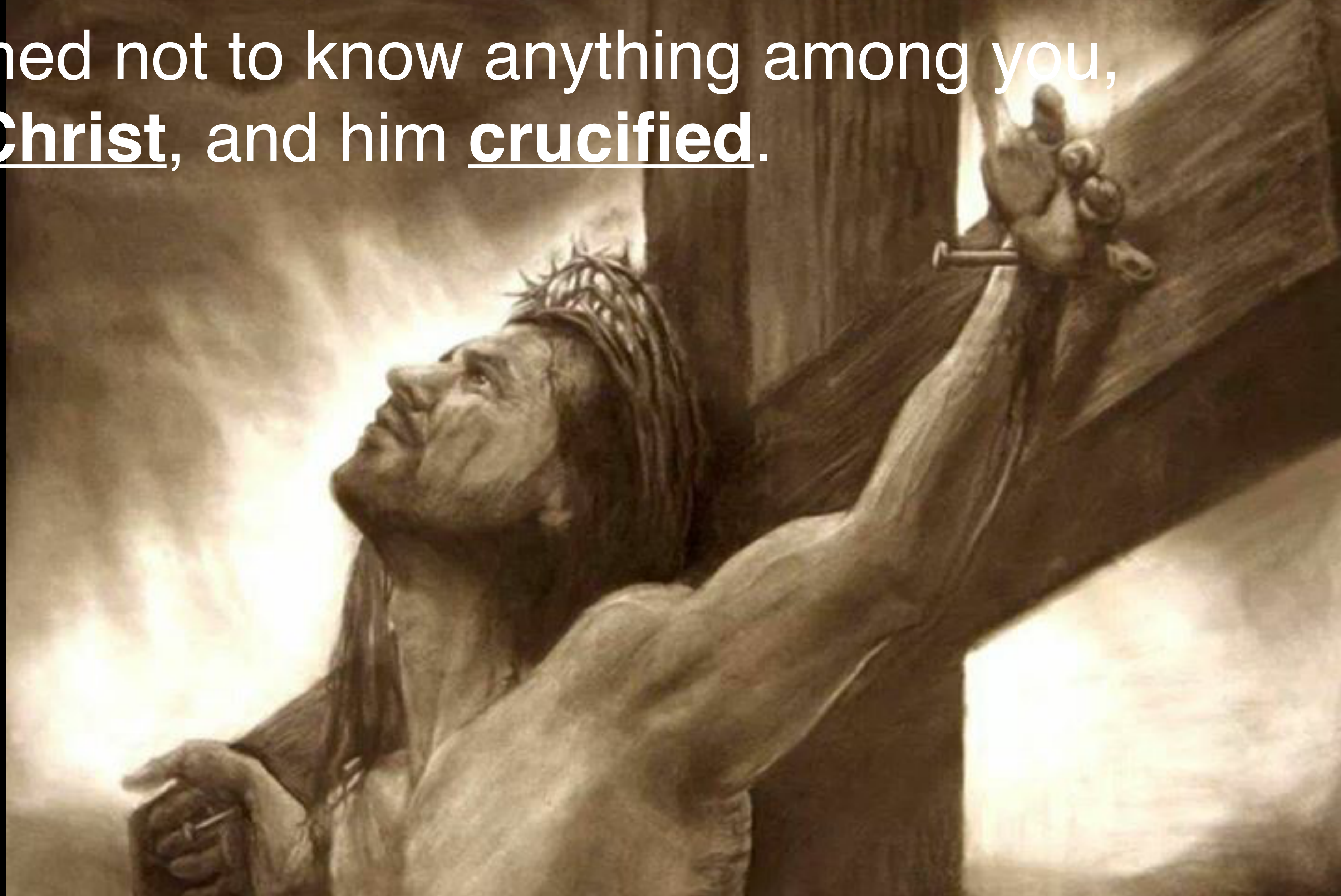
- Jesus Christ has been set forth **Among You!**
 - You experienced that!

A. How did you **Learn** about **Christ**?

- Jesus Christ has been set forth **Crucified!**
 - The heart of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined not to know anything among you,
save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.



B. How did you **Come** to **Christ**?

- I want to **find out** just **one thing**
- You **Received** the **Spirit**

The Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer

The Holy Spirit Convicts

The lost sinner can either yield to the Spirit or “resist the Spirit.”

If the sinner yields to the Spirit and believes in Christ
He is “born of the Spirit”, “baptized by the Spirit,” and is
“sealed by the Spirit.”

The New Believer then should
“walk in the Spirit” and “be filled
with the Spirit.”

But he can also
“quench the Spirit” or “grieve the Spirit.”



B. How did you **Come** to **Christ**?

- Did you **Receive** the **Spirit** ...
 - By the works of the **Law**?
 - OR-**
 - By the hearing of **Faith**?

How did you receive the Spirit?

**Works
of the Law?**

- OR -

**Hearing
of Faith?**

Romans 5:6,8,10

- When we were **without strength** ...
- When we were **ungodly** ...
- Christ **died** for us.

Romans 5:6,8,10

- When we were **yet sinners** ...
- Christ **died** for us.

Romans 5:6,8,10

- When we were **enemies** ...
- Christ **died** for us.

You did not get saved
by your works

You do not stay saved
by your works

C. How do you **Grow** in **Christ**?

- You **continue** the way you **started**
 - **“begun”** and **“made perfect”**

Made Perfect = Finish, Complete

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing,
that he which hath **begun**
a good work in you
will **perform** it
until the day of Jesus Christ.



Made Perfect = Finish, Complete

2 Corinthians 8:6

Insomuch that we desired Titus that,
as he had begun, so he would also
perform in you the same grace also.



C. How do you **Grow** in **Christ**?

- If you **began** in the **Spirit**
- Can you **finish** in the **flesh**?

How did you continue to grow?

**Works
of the Flesh?** **- OR -** **Power
of the Spirit?**

The Galatians

Added obedience to the law
as a ground of hope

They thus declared

Faith in Christ was inadequate
for their justification

The Law

Commands us
but gives us neither feet nor hands

Grace

Bids us to fly
and gives us wings

C. How do you **Grow** in **Christ**?

- You have **suffered**
 - In your **experience**
- Has it been **in vain**?
 - Has it accomplished **no success**?

Paul the Apostle:

The Gospel is God's work in you

The “Judaizers”:

The Gospel is God's work in you
and your work for God

C. How do you **Grow** in **Christ**?

- Here's how it **works**:
 - **God** is at work
 - **Supplying** the Spirit
 - **Producing** miracles
 - By you **hearing** in **faith**
 - **Not** by you **working** in the **law (flesh)**

How does all of this **work out**?

- If I am **in Christ**,
 - I don't do good to make God "happier" with me.
 - I don't fear God's rejection when I fail.
 - I don't obey God to be "accepted" by Him.
 - I am secure in my relationship with God.
 - I do good because of my relationship with God.

How does all of this **work out**?

- If I am **NOT in Christ**,
 - I don't have a relationship with God.
 - My good works will not produce relationship.
 - I am “in my sins” instead of “in Christ.”
 - I need to repent and trust Christ for salvation.

Hymn #392
“Rock of Ages”

The image shows a close-up of a musical score for the hymn "Rock of Ages". The score is written on several staves with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Sweet - est that ev - er was heard, / rus, Sang as they welcomed His birth, / bor, Tell of the sor - row He bore, / ter, Clear - er than ev - er I see; / D. C. for Chorus / to earth, / ter, / else could". The score is set against a green background.