**SERMON NOTES**

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

**“A Vision For Christ Centered Believers in a Gospel Driven Church”**

**Galatians 4: 12 – 20**

**Paul reminds the Galatians in 4: 12 - 20 what the work and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel was in their lives individually and together as a community when it first came to them; what it looked like practically when the truths of the gospel were lived out in actions by them.**

**In these verses, we see a vision for what the truths of the gospel lived out looks like in the community of believers: what should be true for every church, every leader in the church, every pastor in the church, and most of all every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the church.**

**When the truths of the gospel are lived out in our actions in a Christ centered believer and a gospel driven church there will be: a willingness to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rights, preferences, traditions, liberty, and self in order to advance the gospel and the growth of the church.**

**A believer and church that is centered on Christ and driven by the gospel will have a willingness to hold loosely to anything that is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and crucial to the gospel message of salvation.**

**When the truths of the gospel are lived out in our actions in a Christ centered believer and a gospel driven church there will be: (1) a willingness to embrace \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of the gospel and (2) a willingness to learn how to view all things – especially suffering – as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to advance the gospel and grow the church.**

**Because the gospel had taken root in the Galatians’ hearts, it took effect in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their lives. So too it will be for every true believer in Christ.**

**The Galatians - because of the work of the gospel in their heart – were enabled to be centered on Christ and driven by the gospel to embrace the persecution that would come as a result of their acceptance of Paul and most notably their belief in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**It was the personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Paul that had caused the gospel to come to the Galatians (13).**

**Paul saw his suffering of personal sickness and ailment as an opportunity to be used by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to advance the gospel among the Galatians.**

**As a believer, do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ view my suffering in this Christ centered way that Paul did here? Am I using every occasion – even suffering – as an opportunity to advance the gospel and grow the church?**

**In God’s economy, no opportunity and moment has to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not even personal suffering.**

**When the truths of the gospel are lived out in our actions in a Christ centered believer and a gospel driven church there will be: (1) a willingness to receive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and correction when it is spoken and (2) A willingness to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for others that they might be grown up in Christ.**

**The Christ centered believer will be willing to hear truth and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when necessary from other brothers and sisters.**

**Suffering and labor to the end of sustained life for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: this is what we are called to as Christ centered believers in a gospel driven church.**

**Paul is saying “I am in anguish laboring for you until the character of Jesus and until the quality of Christlikeness fully shapes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of who you are”.**

Blanks: effect; believer; lay down; critical; persecution & opportunity; actions; Jesus; suffering; God; I; wasted; truth & labor; correction; another; all;

Congregational Reading – Galatians 6: 2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.