

GALATIANS

LEARNING FROM THE PAULINE EPISTLES - STUDY QUESTIONS IT'S ALL ABOUT CHRIST

1. PRAY and ask the Lord to reveal himself and open your heart as you delve into the passage.
2. PREPARATION for our study in the Pauline Epistles
Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.
3. OBSERVE THE PASSAGE BY ASKING QUESTIONS. (Think through the significance.)

1. Getting into the Passage

- a. How are the hearers addressed?
- b. What is the emotional atmosphere of the passage?
- c. Is there a problem/issue being addressed?
- d. Do you see any striking details?
- e. Are there any repeated words or phrases?

2. Helping us understand Paul and his argument

- a. What is the main idea of this passage? (often found in the first or last sentence)
- b. Does this argument fit with what he has already said in this letter? If so, how?
- c. What other scriptural passages/ideas is Paul using to make his case? (look for parallel passages)
- d. Does this passage tell us anything about Paul? About Paul's relationship to Christ?
- e. Do we learn something about the first readers?
- f. Are the first readers being commanded? Commended?
- g. What should the first readers gain from the message? What should we gain from the message?
- h. Do you note any problems or have any questions about the text?
- i. Write out any additional observations or insights from the passage.

3. Finding Christ in the Passage

- a. Is the gospel explained? Is so, how? (see supplemental sheet on the gospel)
- b. What do we learn about Christ? About ourselves in Christ?
- c. How are we to view our life in Christ?
- d. What are the “marks” of a believer in Christ?
- e. How are we to view our relationship to other believers?

4. Digging Deeper: Learning from the book of Galatians

- a. How does Paul define the law?
- b. How does Paul define grace?
- c. Are grace and law being contrasted/compared? If so, how?
- d. What is the purpose of faith?
- e. How should we view circumcision in the light of the new covenant?
- f. What is the role of the Holy Spirit?
- g. What is Christian freedom? How can we experience it in our lives?