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*This is a self-study course
designed to help you discover
for yourself, from the Bible,
some important basic truths about
living the Christian life.*

how to study the lesson

1. Try to find a quiet spot free from distractions and noise.
2. Read the entire Scripture lesson.
3. Read each question carefully. Then look up the Scripture reference given after each question. Make sure you have found the correct Scripture passage. For example, sometimes you may find yourself looking up JOHN 1:1 instead of I JOHN 1:1.
4. Answer the question from the appropriate Bible passage. Write, in your own words, a phrase or sentence to answer the question. In questions that can be answered with a "yes" or "no" always give the reason for your answer . . . "Yes, because. . ."
5. If possible, keep a dictionary handy in order to look up words you don't understand.

6. Pray for God's help. You *need* God's help in order to understand what you study in the Bible. Psalm 119:18 would be an appropriate verse for you to take to God in prayer.

7. *Class teachers using this course for group study will find some helpful suggestions on page 47.*

how to take the self-check tests

Each lesson is concluded with a test designed to help you evaluate what you have learned.

1. Review the lesson carefully in the light of the self-check test questions.

2. If there are any questions in the self-check test you cannot answer, perhaps you have written into your lesson the wrong answer from your Bible. Go over your work carefully to make sure you have filled in the blanks correctly.

3. When you think you are ready to take the self-check test, do so without looking up the answers.

4. Check your answers to the self-check test carefully with the answer key given on page 48.

5. If you have any questions wrong, your answer key will tell you where to find the correct answer in your lesson. Go back and locate the right answers. Learn by your mistakes!

apply what you have learned to your own life

In this connection, read carefully JAMES 1:22-25. It is only as you apply your lessons to your own life that you will really grow in grace and increase in the knowledge of God.

Introduction to Galatians

The Galatians are believed to be the same as the Gauls (Celts). They were a restless people, always after new territory. In 400 B.C. they sacked Rome. A detachment settled in a central portion of Asia Minor, known as Galatia.

The Epistle to the Galatians is believed to have been written by the apostle Paul after II Corinthians and just before Romans. The Galatian churches were founded as a result of Paul's ministry. Many look upon the teachings of Galatians as a first draft of the more finished production, Romans.

The principal point of Galatians is disloyalty to the truth already known, recalling believers to the pure gospel.

Outline of Galatians

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- II. The Maintenance of Christian Liberty 2:1-21
- III. The Experience of Christian Liberty 3:1-22
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- VI. The Effects of Christian Liberty 5:1-15
- VII. The Personal Practice of Christian Liberty 5:16-26
- VIII. The Social Practice of Christian Liberty 6:1-18



The Origin of Christian Liberty

1:1-24

1. How does Paul seek to defend his call as an apostle?

1:1 _____

2. To whom was this letter written?

1:2 _____

3. What did Christ do for you as well as the Galatians?

1:4 _____

The words “from this present evil world” are literally, “from this age of the evil one.” It is noteworthy that nothing good is said about this present age.

4. In what way did Paul elsewhere express this deliverance?

COLOSSIANS 1:13 _____

5. Having been taught the gospel of a free and glorious salvation, to what had some of the Galatians now turned?

1:6 _____

6. When men make a few additions or corrections to the gospel, what do they have?

1:7 _____

7. State the true Christian message of salvation.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10 _____

8. If the gospel is to be called a gospel of grace (unmerited favor), what must be disallowed?

ROMANS 11:6 _____

9. How does Paul show that it is suicidal for anyone to try to change what God has laid down?

1:8, 9 _____

10. Why could not Paul be a pleaser of men?

1:10 _____

11. How did he seek popularity with the Jews before he became a Christian?

ACTS 22:5 _____

12. What had become of all the dogmatic ideas he had about truth before his conversion?

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-7 _____

13. Now that he had been born from above, how did he feel about gospel truth?

I THESSALONIANS 2:4 _____

14. What did Paul know about this gospel of grace?

1:11 _____

15. Why cannot the natural man understand the plan of righteousness available to the believer through faith?

I CORINTHIANS 2:14 _____

16. In what way are God's thoughts and ways different from man's thoughts and ways?

ISAIAH 55:8, 9 _____

Napoleon once wrote: "I search in vain to find anything which can approach the gospel. Neither history, nor humanity, nor the ages, nor nature offer anything with which I am able to compare it. I am convinced that there is nothing there which is not beyond the march of events and above the human mind. Even the impious dare not deny the sublimity of the gospel and what happiness it procures for those who believe it!"

17. In what manner was Paul certain this gospel had come to him?

1:12 _____

18. Before Paul's conversion, what was his attitude toward the gospel?

1:13 _____

19. How did Paul treat the disciples of the Lord before he was saved?

ACTS 9:1, 2 _____

20. In what ways did Paul experience the same treatment he once handed out?

ACTS 22:4; II CORINTHIANS 11:23-25 _____

21. What happened when Paul was born from above?

1:16 _____

22. How did the saints react to the news of the conversion of Paul?

1:23, 24 _____

check-up time No. 1

You have just studied some important truths about the origin of Christian liberty. Review your study by rereading the Scripture lesson, the questions and your written answers. If you aren't sure of an answer, reread the Scripture portion given to see if you can find the answer. Then take the following test to see how well you understand the important truths you have studied.

In the right-hand margin write "true" or "false" after each of the following statements.

1. The Galatians were steadfast in the faith. _____
2. Anyone preaching a gospel other than the gospel Paul preached was to be accursed. _____
3. Paul preached a gospel that would please men. _____
4. Paul received the gospel through revelation. _____
5. Paul was always a great leader in the church. _____
6. Paul never cared much for the Jews' religion. _____
7. Paul was called to preach to churches that others had founded. _____
8. In order to prepare for preaching the gospel Paul went to Arabia. _____
9. Paul was unknown by face by most of the churches in Judea. _____
10. The saints glorified God when they heard that Paul was preaching the gospel. _____

Turn to page 48 and check your answers.