

Galatians – Part VI

The Hardest Truth – Galatians 5:19-21

Message Discussion Guide

Connect

- What important Bible doctrine do you think believers misunderstand most often?

Discover

- Which statement or experience stood out to you from the worship service?
- Read Galatians 5:19-21 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.
 - How are those two lists of sins similar? How are they different?
 - Paul listed a pretty wide range of sins. Why do you think he mentioned so many? Why did he mention the ones he did?
- Read Matthew 7:13, 21-23.
 - Why does Jesus describe the road to eternal life as narrow?
 - Why were the people referenced in 21-23 surprised?
 - How can we keep from being surprised when we stand before the Lord in the end?
- Read Galatians 5:21 and Ephesians 5:5.
 - What is the one big message these two brief parables teach?
 - What, if any, is the difference in what the parables communicate?
 - How is your experience like the first parable? Second parable?
- Read Romans 12:1-2, Romans 8:13, and Ephesians 5:25.
 - With each of these three passages, what is the key element that, if true, will lead someone to eternal death?
 - Why do people tend to use John 3:16 to cancel out these strong warnings?
 - How does the message of these three passages line up with the truth that we are saved by grace?

Respond

- How would you describe the difference between “practicing” sin (Galatians 5:21) and the normal kind of struggle genuine Christians have with temptation and sin?
- What would you say to a loved one who embraced a sinful lifestyle yet believed himself to be a genuine child of God?
- In what ways is this statement true and biblical: “What doesn’t change us, doesn’t save us!”

Bonus for Thinkers

- How does Paul’s warning that those who break the rules will not be saved (Galatians 5:21) fit with the first four chapters of Galatians where Paul emphasizes that we are not accepted by God because we keep the rules?

First Baptist Nacogdoches Bible Reading Plan

Day	Scripture
Monday (3/23)	Galatians 5:19-21, 1 John 3:7-10
Tuesday (3/24)	1 Peter 4:1-19
Wednesday (3/25)	1 Peter 5:1-14
Thursday (3/26)	Hebrews 1:1-2:4
Friday (3/27)	Hebrews 2:14-3:19

Daily Devotion Questions

Monday (3/23) — Galatians 5:19-21, 1 John 3:7-10

- Review the “Respond” questions from yesterday’s message discussion guide.

Tuesday (3/24) — 1 Peter 4:1-19

- We read of the surprise that unbelievers often have because we do not engage in the same behaviors they engage in (4:4). In what ways is your life so distinct from the life of an unbeliever that they are surprised?
- In 4:11 we learn that everything we do is to be done with one purpose in mind. What is that purpose? Take a couple minutes and talk with God about how you can better glorify Him this week in the regular activities of your life.
- What is the attitude we should not have when we face difficulties (4:12)? What is the attitude we should have (4:13)? How can you have the right attitude (4:13b-14)?
- In what ways does love cover a multitude of sins?

Wednesday (3/25) — 1 Peter 5:1-14

- In 5:6 we are instructed to humble ourselves and wait for God to do something for us at the proper time. What is it that we wait for God to do for us? In what ways are you patiently waiting for God to exalt you? In what ways are you trying to get ahead of God?
- We learn in 5:8 that we have an adversary, the devil, who is out to devour us. At the beginning of 5:8 and in the next verse (5:9), we are given five steps to take to overcome the devil. Write each one of these out in your own words.
- In what ways does 1 Peter 5:10 comfort believers when they face great difficulty?

Thursday (3/26) — Hebrews 1:1 – 2:4

- Hebrews is a great book for guiding us in our praise and adoration of Jesus. In 1:1-4, the writer tells us eight wonderful things about Jesus. See if you can identify those and then write down the three that are most amazing to you. Write these down in a spirit of worship, praising him for who he is.
- Write down one specific way you can better follow the command of 2:1.
- The writer asks a rhetorical question in 2:2-3. What is the answer to the question? Why should this motivate us to reach out to unsaved family and friends? Write down the name of one person you can attempt to share Christ with this weekend.
- Of what help is it for the Christian that God has indeed spoken “at many times and in various ways?” Why not just one way? Which seems to be God’s chosen way of speaking especially to you?

Friday (3/27) — Hebrews 2:14 – 3:19

- According to 2:17, Jesus was made like us in every respect. Jot down a short list of the ways Jesus was made like us? What do we have in common with Jesus?
- We see the reasons he was made like us in the last part of 2:17 and in 2:18. Focus on 2:18. According to that verse, what is something that Jesus suffered with that is common to our suffering? Write a sentence describing how that benefits us.
- In 3:13 we are instructed to exhort one another daily. Why does he say we should do this? How can you do this for those closest to you today?
- Make a list of all the advantages that are ours because Jesus became a man.