

January 7, 2024

■ **Welcome / Announcements / Call to Worship**

■ **“Lord, With Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee”**

Words by Francis S. Key, Music by John H. Wilcox Redeemer Music CCLI #801260

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee For the bliss Thy love bestows,
For the pard'ning grace that saves me, And the peace that from it flows;
Help, O God, my weak endeavor; This dull soul to rapture raise;
Thou must light the flame, or never Can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, Wretched wand'rer far astray;
Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee From the paths of death away;
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling, Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
And, the light of hope revealing, Bade the blood-stained cross appear.

Praise thy Saviour God that drew thee To that cross, new life to give,
Held a blood-sealed pardon to thee, Bade thee look to Him and live;
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee, Roused thee from thy fatal ease,
Praise the grace whose promise warmed thee, Praise the grace that whispered peace.

Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling Vainly would my lips express;
Low before Thy footstool kneeling, Deign Thy suppliant's prayer to bless:
Let Thy love, my soul's chief treasure, Love's pure flame within me raise,
And, since words can never measure, Let my life show forth Thy praise.

■ **Scripture Reading / Offering - Romans 5:12-17**

■ **“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”**

Words by Julia H. Johnston and Music by Daniel B. Towner ©1986 Word Music CCLI#801260

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater - yes, grace untold Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive?

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper: A Traditional Confession of Sin**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against

You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us;

That we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Name. Amen

■ **“Romans Doxology”** by John Elliott © 1989 BMG Songs, Inc. CCLI License #801260

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God,
How unsearchable are His ways. How profound are His judgements,
so high above our thoughts, And His pathways no man can trace.

**For from Him and through Him, and to Him are all things,
To Him be the glory forevermore. To Him be the glory forever.
Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God, How magnificent are His ways.
Who has been His advisor and who has counseled Him, All He gives us who can repay.

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God, How immeasurable His grace.
How unfailing His kindness, so far removed His wrath, And His mercies are new each day.

■ **“Alas and Did My Savior Bleed”**

Words by Isaac Watts, music by Bob Kauflin © 1997 sovereign Grace Music CCLI #801260

Alas! and did my Savior bleed? And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!
Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity!
grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

**My God, why would You shed Your blood So pure and undefiled
To make a sinful one like me Your chosen, precious child?**

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.
Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness And melt my eyes to tears

■ **Message - Galatians: Gospel Freedom in Christ**

Galatians 1:1-5 – Pastor Scott

■ **“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”**

by Steve and Vikki Cook © 2000 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

I will glory in my Redeemer Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the Holy Judge **The Lamb Who is my righteousness**

I will glory in my Redeemer My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another I'm satisfied in Him alone I will
glory in my Redeemer His faithfulness my standing place Though
foes are mighty and rush upon me

My feet are firm, held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with loving kindness His triumph song I'll ever sing

I will glory in my Redeemer Who waits for me at gates of
gold And when He calls me it will be paradise

His face forever to behold

■ **Benediction**

How to Join Rockport Baptist Church

We as a church are committed to the biblical teaching that church membership is for believers in Christ who voluntarily band together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit for worship, fellowship and service. We therefore require the following:

- (1) A credible profession of faith in Christ for salvation
(Romans 10:9-10)
- (2) Obedience to Christ through water baptism
(Matthew 28:18-20)
- (3) A willing commitment to the basic beliefs and practices of
this church as evidenced in our Confession of Faith and
Church Covenant (available upon request)

Those who are interested in seeking membership are asked to make this known to Pastor Scott and/or an Elder who will provide a copy of our Petition for Membership and explain the process.

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This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture! Each week's '**Fighter Verse**' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith. Memorize it and use it for the good of your soul!

Galatians 1:3-5 (ESV)

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Paul's First and Second Missionary Journeys

Notice how his trips take him through southern Galatia (at the center in dark green). Galatia is the name of the whole region (not any one city). It was named for the Gaul's (aka Celts) who originally settled in the northern section up near the Black Sea. However, by Paul's day "Galatia" was the name the whole Roman province, including the southern region where Paul's travels took him through the cities of Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra and Derbe (See Acts 13-14). Today this area is part of modern day Turkey.



Galatians: Gospel Freedom in Christ (Galatians 1:1-5)

I. The _____ and Sharing of this Freedom. vv 1-2

What is an Apostle?

Background: Acts 13:2-3; 15:1

Paul's defense of his Apostleship

1) It does not rest on any _____ authority. v1, 11-12

2) It comes directly from _____. v1, Acts 9:15

... God raised Christ from the dead.

(1 Cor 15:3-4, 14, 17, 20)

3) Paul is no _____ off by himself.

II. The _____ and Power of this Freedom. vv 3-4

- Romans 5:1; John 14:27

- This is where the Christian _____

- God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ together

The very heart of the Gospel v4

1) Christ gave Himself for _____ v4

- Gal 2:20; Isaiah 53:5-6

- Quote by Luther...

2) Christ gave Himself for a Purpose: To _____ us.

- Acts 13:38-39; Exodus 3:8; Gal 5:16

- "From this present _____ age" 1 John 5:19; Col 1:13-14

3) All this "According to the _____ of God our Father"

- John 3:16; 6:40

III. The _____ and Joy of this Freedom v5

- Paul ends with a _____

- He who does the work, gets the _____

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
First Sunday Fellowship Meal	After Worship

Today's Greeters - Kathy Blunt & Booker (Mike or Kristy)
Today's Tellers - Sherie Eagleburger & Stephanie Tompkins
Today's Nursery - Kim Lee & Ruthie Jackson
Please Note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal	\$5,689.00
November Weekly Average	\$6,393.54

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mondays at 7:00pm** - Exercise Class at Rockport.
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information
susanjj1966@gmail.com or (636)375-1113
- **Next Prayer Meeting** - Wednesday, January 10
- **Saturday, January 13 at 8:00am** - Men's Breakfast - study
of *Titus: Stand for Godliness*. Bring Food to Share!
- **Friday & Saturday, January 19 & 20** -
Women's Workshop "The Abiding and Active Word"
- **Wednesday, February 21 - Abolish Abortion Rally** -
We are meeting at the Rotunda within the State Capitol
building @1pm. Reach out to the Benz's, Stevens', or Adrian
Cookson for more info. Carpooling possible.
- **Founder's Conference Midwest** is Tuesday, Feb. 27 -
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024 at FBC Fenton, MO. Sign
up information is in the foyer.
- **Grace Bible Conference 2024** - "Citizens and Exiles" -
April 19-21, 2024
- **Winter Clothing Drive** for the Salvation Army.
Please contact Paula Ottoby, Sherie Eagleburger, or
Marquette Govero if you have donations.

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday, January 7, 2024

*"-- Paul, an apostle not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ
and God the Father, who raised him from the dead--
and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia"*

Galatians 1:1-2

A new year brings a new study. But why Galatians? It's an odd little book really, somewhat unique among the letters of Paul. Unlike the rest of Paul's letters where he usually begins with praise and encouragement, in Galatians he gives only the briefest of introductions before jumping right in to rebuke and confrontation, saying in v 6 that he is astonished to see how quickly they have turned away from Christ to a "different gospel!" And that is Paul's concern, that the believers in Galatia have stepped away from the purity of the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith alone to embrace a different message based on human confidence in doing what is right and obeying a system of religious rules.

Galatians matters because the Gospel matters! And just like the people of Galatia, we are in danger of losing our grip on the simple yet essential truths of gospel every day. For some the temptation is legalism. We substitute man-made rules for faith in Christ and come to believe that if we only perform them well enough, we can earn God's approval and possibly the applause of others. But Galatians is the antidote to that kind of thinking. As Philip Ryken has said, "Galatians is a letter for recovering Pharisees." It is also an antidote to our cultural tendency to look inside ourselves for solutions to our problems. We live in an age that says "Look to yourself! Follow your heart! Find your own truth!" But such thinking is spiritually deadly, and toxic to a genuine faith. What we need is to stop looking to ourselves and learn to look up and away to Christ – to see that in Him all we that need has been provided and is ours by faith alone. Galatians, with it's God-centered message of grace and Christ-glorifying gospel of faith alone can provide that grounding for us. And boy do we need it!

Learning to live by faith alone in Christ in 2024 Pastor Scott

Kid’s Listening Sheet (1/7/25)

Title: “Gospel _____ in Christ”

Bible Passage: Galatians _____

Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

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| Freedom | Heart | Apostle | Book |
| Letter | Gospel | Wolf | Grace |
| Peace | Joy | Father | Life |
| Shoes | Spirit | Sheep | Devil |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

Galatians 1:1–5

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| DEAD | DELIVER | EVER |
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| GRACE | JESUS | LORD |
| PAUL | PEACE | PRESENT |