

# LET'S FIGHT BACK

*Galatians 1:1-10*

Starting point:

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website [www.vcfj.org](http://www.vcfj.org) and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our Journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

## OVERVIEW

*Re-read Gal. 1:1-10.*

- What is the background information that Pastor shared with us for this letter?
- Why did Paul rebuke the Galatians?
- What caused the Galatians to abandon the good, new gift of salvation they had received and exchange it with a message of obedience to the law?
- What should we learn from this?

## THE APOSTLE PAUL PLACED TRUTH ABOVE CURTESY.

*Galatians 1:6-9*

- Pastor mentioned that some commentators have a special name for the Epistle to the Galatians. What is it? Is this a correct term to use? If not, what should it be?
- What is Paul telling the *Galatians in 1:8-9*?
- Pastor shared the Greek word ANATHEMA meaning DAMNATION that Paul used. Do you think Paul went too far by using such a strong language; and if so, WHY?
- What are these verses telling us in 2017?

## THE APOSTLE PAUL CONFRONTS HYPOCRISY.

### *Galatians 3:13*

- What behaviors, of the Galatians, is Paul addressing in **3:1-3**?
- Are these verses applicable to us today? If so, can you give examples?
- **Read Gal 1:10.**
- What is Paul saying in this statement? Did Paul feel it was more important to keep the friendship with the Galatians or admonish them for their beliefs?
- What do the words HYPOCRITE OR HYPOCRACY mean to you?
- How do they fit into the message and into our lives each day?
- Pastor referred to **Gal. 2:11-14**, saying that Paul states in these verses that even he fell short.
- What can we learn about our own life from Paul and his writing?

## THE APOSTLE PAUL FIGHTS FOR THE FLOCK OF GOD

### *Gal. 4:8-20*

- What is Paul telling the *Galatians in 4:8-20*?
- Why is Paul so passionate as he writes to the Galatians?
- What was his goal for the Galatians and for us as we read these verses?
- **Read Gal. 3:2-9.**
- Are the questions that he asks the Galatians important?
- What are the answers to his questions?
- What is the learning point for us in 2017 from these verses?

## APPLICATION

- In **Gal. 1:4**, Paul says it is the will of God that Jesus died to save you. In what ways does your life reflect or not reflect this truth?
- What happens when people set additional requirements for salvation?
- How do you know what to believe?
- As you read through these verses in Galatians you have to conclude that Paul was clearly not a “people pleaser.” What was for Paul, and is for you wrong about just trying to win the approval of men and please them?
- Whose approval do you seek?
- In your Journey to Greatness, what did you learn to help you fight the spiritual battles that you face?