

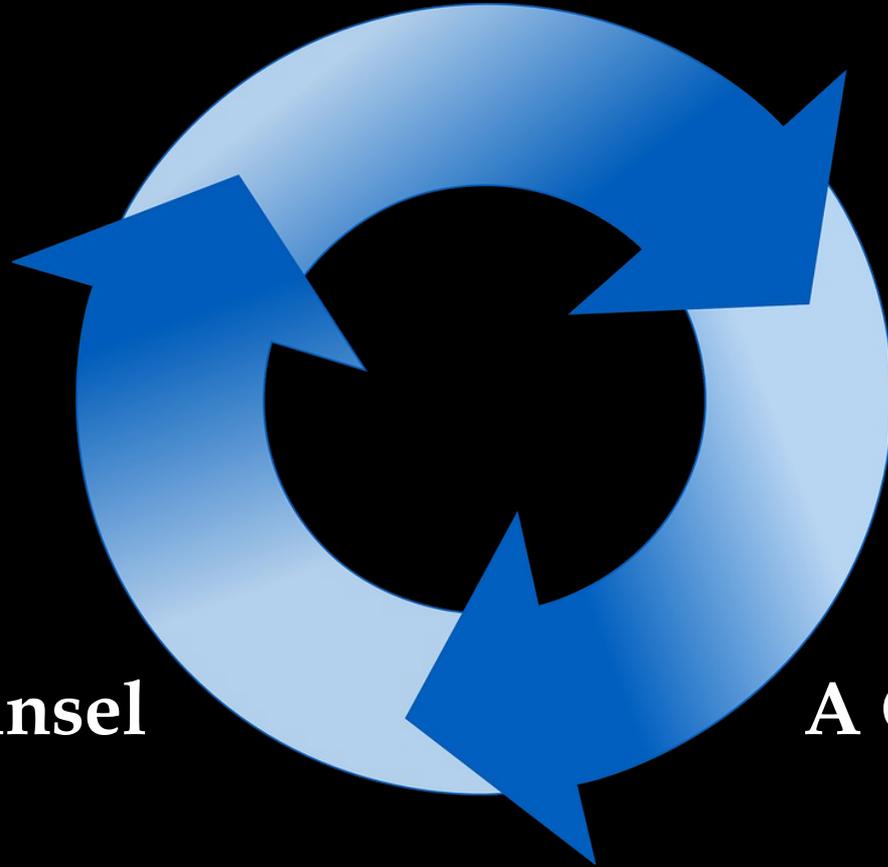


The Gospel in Galatians

7 Gospel Realities:

- Delivered by Christ (1:3–5)**
- Justified in Christ (2:15–16)**
- Crucified with Christ (2:19–20)**
- Baptized into Christ (3:27–29)**
- Adopted in Christ (4:4–7)**
- Conformed to Christ (4:19)**
- Indebted to Christ (5:24)**

The Text



Pastoral Counsel

A Gospel Reality

**First, Christ offers Himself upon the
cross to make atonement for sin.**

**“I carry the nails of Calvary
in my pocket.”**

Martin Luther

**Second, God offers Christ to sinners
for salvation.**

“Upon a life I did not live, upon a death I did not die, another’s life, another’s death, I stake my whole eternity.”

Hudson Taylor

**Third, we receive God's gift
through faith.**

**Fourth, when we receive Christ
through faith, we become one with Him.**

Fifth, we live out our identity in Christ.

Theological Mathematics

- whenever you add, you subtract -

The Gospel “Defended” (3:1–5:12)

Argument from Experience (3:1–5)

“Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?”

Argument from Scripture (3:6–4:7)

“Is the law then contrary to the promise of God?”

Argument from Experience (4:8–20)

“What then has become of the blessing you felt?”

Argument from Scripture (4:21–31)

“Do you not listen to the law?”

Appeal (5:1–12)

The Text



“Perplexed” (4:20)

See 1:6, 9; 3:1; 5:12.

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A Command (4:12)

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An Appeal (4:13-14)

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A question (4:15-16)

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A comparison (4:17-19)

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A wish (4:20)

A Gospel Reality:

**“Conformed to
Christ” (4:19)**



**“My little children, for whom I am again
in the anguish of childbirth until Christ
is formed in you!”**

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Conformed to His death

I.e., willing to die to sin and temptation

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (2:20).

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Conformed to His life

**I.e., willing to submit all of life
to the Word**

“And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (2:20).

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Conformed to His character

**I.e., willing to put on the mind of Christ
(the fruit of the Spirit)**

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law”
(5:22–23).**

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Conformed to His suffering

**I.e., willing to suffer humbly
and joyfully**

"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (6:14).

Pastoral Counsel



“The church advances as it proclaims a crucified Lord and lives a crucified life. The beauty of Christ is reflected in the humble and glad suffering of its messengers.”

Tom Schreiner

**Suffering robs us of patience and,
therefore, undermines our submission
to God's will.**

**Suffering robs us of comfort and,
therefore, undermines our confidence
in God's power.**

**We will abandon the truth or
compromise our conscience.**



(1) We need a “lively” hope of the world to come.

“For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one”

(Heb. 10:34).



**(2) We need a “lively” assurance of
God’s love.**

**“I am sure that ... [nothing] in all
creation, will be able to separate us from
the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”
(Rom. 8:35).**



**(3) We need a “lively” faith in the truth of
God’s Word.**

**“We also thank God constantly for this,
that when you received the word of God
... you accepted it not as the word of men
but as what it really is, the word of God,
which is at work in you believers”
(1 Thess. 2:13).**



God has promised eternal spiritual blessings - *unconditionally* (Eph. 1:3).

God has promised present temporal blessings - *conditionally* (Matt. 6:33).

(4) We need a “lively” conviction of God’s sovereign rule.

“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen” (Rom. 11:36).



“Wild confusion may reign around us, yet the hearts of the righteous rejoice because God is not (and cannot be) dethroned.”

William Plumer

**“Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5).**