<u>The Greatest Witness of All</u> - Not Preached @FBCK Text: Gal 1: 6-9

How long has it been since you visited where you grew up? Were the landmarks still there or did they get moved? The tree got cut down, the old farm house on the corner was torn down and planted over?

Sometimes the old worn paths that we were accustomed to get changed.

The Galatians had been taught the way, but had starting taking directions from someone leading them in the wrong direction.

I. (Salvation) (Vs 6-9) Another Gospel:

A different way to heaven.

- a. **Everybody has their own plan.** Everyone is trusting in something. (Witnessing to my family)
- b. There is No Greater Gospel: Jn 14:6 Only Way!
- c. 1 Cor 15:1-4 Definition of the Gospel
- d. **Eph 2:8-9** Grace through faith *Illus*: +nothing nothing
- e. **Grace** + **Works:** Grace + Tongues Grace + Church

II. (Separation) (Vs 10-12) Another Worship-style

- a. What is the definition of the word Worship?
- b. Today there is a form of Christianity that Worships worshiping. Like in a trance.
- c. To adore; to pay divine honors to; to reverence with supreme respect and veneration.
- d. There is no Greater Worship than Obedience. (John 14:15, John 15:10)

e. Obedience to be conformed to the image of Christ.

(Rom 12:1-2; Rom 8:29)

Conform ~ Molded *Illus*: *Play dough and GI Joe*.

f. **Obedience to Purity:**

(Gal 1:10) Paul didn't make this up.

Paul knew he couldn't change God's mind about this.

<u>Definition of Purity</u>: The freedom from Guilt & the defilement of sin:

Purification: A cleansing from guilt or the pollution of sin; the Denial of sinful desires, appetites & inclinations.

Emotional Purity: What is Real Love? Choice (Deut 7:6-7) (John 15:13) Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Today's Version of Love is really Lust.

Have you fallen for the World's Version?

<u>Physical Purity</u>: (1Cor 6:19-20) <u>Temple of the Holy Ghost</u>:
<u>Don't defile it</u>: <u>Bought with a Price</u>:

Sexual Purity: (Prov 5:3-4)

Mental Purity: (Psa 101:3) "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:" Purity of the Mind, See & Listen.

g. Obedience in How we Live & treat Others.

(1 Pet 1:15-16) *Conversation~The way we live.* (James 4:4) Friend of the world: What we value?

III. (Service) Another Gospel in Service

- a. What is our Job? Matt 28:19-20
 - i. Feed the hungry; Cloth the poor, build hospitals.
 - ii. The devil wants us to be side tracked onto issues that don't matter in eternity. Keep the main thing, he loses big time. Social Reform doesn't Schoolhouse, courthouse, but the churchhouse
 - iii. What's the Main thing He asked us to do?
 - iv. Be a Witness (Soul Winning) Jn 15:8
 - v. Disciple 2 Tim 2:2
 - vi. This is where the New life begins and take root. This is where the miracles happen. The other stuff is fluff.

IV. Have you been attracted to Another Gospel.

V. One that appeals to your flesh, rather than the Spirit? VI.Saved, Separated, Serving

"The Greatest Witness of All" Gal 1:13-24

I. vs 13-14 <u>People will remember you when:</u> Acts 8:3, Change in our Value & self Esteem: (Phil 3:4-11)

II. vs 15-16 To Reveal His Son in Us:

- a. Christ Living In Us: Gal 2:20, Rom 8:29
- b. You are the Only Bible Some will ever Read.
- c. You are an Ambassador for Christ: 2 Cor 5:20
- d. You represent to others what Christ & FBCK are Like. <u>Illus</u>: If you aren't going to do right, don't invite them to church. The TV shows make us look bad enough.

III.Vs 16-17 An Immediate Change: Acts 9:1-9

a. He didn't wait, He didn't ease into church.

b. He got saved. He got Growing, & He Got Busy.

IV.Vs 17-22 He didn't act the same way: (Acts 9:19-31)

- a. We are not to judge others, but we are able to be fruit inspectors. (Matt 7:15-20)
- b. Where is the change?
 Where are the Fruits? (Gal 5:22-23, Eph 5:9-12)
- c. He didn't have the same friends: (Acts 9:23-24, 29)
 - i. Men he knew, worked with, studied with, and fellowshipped with, But his life convicted them. (Jn 3:19-20)

V. Vs 23-24 The Greatest Witness of all is a change in YOU!

- a. <u>They want to see proof</u>. They think this is a Fad, or an excuse to get something. (Titus 2:7)
- b. Mom and Dad have heard their children say they were sorry, but there has been no change.

Not a new leaf, a new you! Not a Better Program, Better People.

c. The Greatest Form of Witness is Obedience to God's Word.

Gal 2:11-15: Peter changed the way he acted based on who he was with.

Point: Do you act differently, depending on who is around?