

August 16th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it

People: The world, and those who live in it

Pastor: For He has founded it on the seas

People: And established it on the rivers

Opening Hymn - (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Scripture: Galatians 5:1-26

Sermon: Fruit of the Spirit – Wrap Up

Time of Prayer

(Note: For now, we will NOT be asking for spoken joys and concerns during the service. If you have prayer requests, please send them via Facebook Messenger or text. Also, only first names will be mentioned and medical conditions will be kept vague to protect privacy.)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn – (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Offering Reminder

Offering plates are around the sanctuary near each entrance and online giving is available at www.cedarvilleunited.org

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- The letter was written to all the churches in southern Galatia...meant to be read publicly and then sent on to the next church.
- Paul most likely wrote this letter from Antioch, in Syria, in about 48 AD.
- False teachers had infiltrated the churches in Galatia. They were trying to teach that if people wanted to be Christians, they first had to become Jews, the men had to be circumcised, and they all had to follow all the Jewish laws. These false teachers were called Judaizers.
- Paul re-explained salvation through faith alone and chastised the Galatians for falling away so easily.
- The reason we can be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good/generous, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled...is because the Holy Spirit lives with us.

BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- Paul described the Christian experience as a race.
- Paul reminded believers of their freedom in Christ and warned against using this freedom as a license to sin.
- The Galatians were admonished to depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance.
- Paul pointed out that while no believer will ever be entirely free in this life from the effects of the Fall—we will never be sinless this side of heaven—rather than indulging in sin the Galatians were to rely on the Holy Spirit for victory over sin.

FOR US TODAY

- I'm guessing there have been false teachers in each of our lives. There are lies we picked up when we were children or when we didn't know Christ or were very young in our faith like the Galatians were. And there was no "Paul" around to straighten us out...so we're still believing them, even though we may not realize the effect the lies are having on us.
- While Jesus came to give us abundant life, the enemy came to steal, kill, and destroy. Everyone on earth has some areas of life that have been killed off or stolen or destroyed because of sin, either our own or someone else's sin against us. The good news is, our God is a God who restores.