

DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY – PART IV

Study Notes – Galatians 2:17 – 3:9

Paul's basic Spiritual Theology, his understanding of the gospel, and the way we approach the Christian life are set forth in this passage. It is rich in meaning and has to be worked on carefully since what he says he relates to the controversy, and how he expresses in detail the truth of the gospel and the basis of our new life in Jesus Christ. As a Pharisee, Paul would have believed that any Gentile who wanted to be accepted by God had to become a Jew and follow the law. Here, Paul outlines a theology where there is a common path to true spirituality whether you are Jew or Gentile. Read the passage and reflect on the notes below.

1. Observe, note and list the key words, phrases or terms in the passage and their relationship with each other. Examples could be words or phrases like justification, faith, the law, in Christ, gospel, works, the Cross, and the Spirit. Choose a few from this list or add any others you want to pursue.
2. List each of the rhetorical questions. What do they say? How many are there? What kind of tone is being set?
3. What are some key questions that you would raise from your observations?
4. How would you summarize the main point of the passage?
5. What applications would you make for yourself and the fellowship?