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The Divine Warrior – Lesson 1

This morning we are beginning a study of Galatians>>

I want to begin by asking you to write your answer to these two questions>>

How have I been saved>>

When was I saved>>

The way we answer these questions will reveal our understanding of God's way of saving us>>

I asked these two questions to emphasize the two ...sides... to our salvation>>

1. God's side>>**1 John 1:7**..*the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin...*>>

2. Our side>>**Acts 10:43**>> *...everyone who believes in [Jesus] receives forgiveness of sins through His Name...*>>

The answer to these questions touche the core of the Gospel>>

Let's begin our study with a some background information>>

Who were the Galatians>>

They were a group of churches that were founded during Paul's **1st** missionary journey [**Acts 13-14**]>>

These churches contained a mixture of Jews and Gentiles>>

What was the problem>>

Some Jewish members of the church in Jerusalem had come to the Galatian churches teaching that **required** that the male Gentiles must be circumcised 1st **in order** to be saved>>

They were teaching that circumcision as a **necessary** element that had to be **added** to our faith in Jesus>>

Such a teaching would have gutted the Gospel of it's power>>

Such a gospel would be powerless to save anyone>>

But most importantly, it would rob God of His glory as revealed in *...the Gospel of Christ...>>*

As a result, Paul wrote this letter to vigorously oppose such a teaching that would undermine the very Truth of the Gospel>>

when>>

Eph. 1:4 *...[God] chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him...>>*

why>>

Eph 1:6 *...to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved [Son]..>>*

how>>

Eph 1:7 *...redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses...>>*

Let's consider the various aspects of the *how>>*

John 1:14>>

I end this>>

If we think of the Gospel in terms of a sentence, the Subject is Christ, the verb is His Incarnational ministry, the Direct Object is the Father's glory all of which is manifested by the Spirit in and through church which is the indirect object>>