

Shelley Community United Methodist Church
Galatians Chapter 1—Notes for Rev. Michael Kennedy
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Ask:

Why study which book or letter of the Bible?

(Pass out Timeline of when NT books were written and Paul's ministry—BibleWorks 6.)

What is the Gospel?

What is it to be a Christian? How do you decide if a person is a Christian or not?

Some Scripture that may prove helpful for context:

Genesis 17: Abram's blessing and covenant sign-circumcision.

Acts 7: 54- 8:5 Stephen and the Jerusalem scattered, except the apostles.

Peter's vision and how hard it was for him to let go of tradition and teachings.

Acts 15: 1-35 The Council at Jerusalem (not yet).

Vocabulary-zeal = violence to protect the faith: Numbers 25: 6-18; 1 Kings 18:40; and

Deuteronomy 13:1-5 (and testing the prophet's words and staying with the faith)

Called at birth= Jeremiah 1:4-5; Isaiah 49:1, 5-6

g/Gospel= Isaiah 52:7 (save for later lesson)

Modern examples of misunderstanding the Gospel=NIB pp. 207 ff.