

Message Notes

Paul's Reputation Precedes Him

Scripture Passages

(taken from the NIV or ESV)

Introduction – Our final Sunday at Hope West

My story of coming to faith

Message Series:

Jesus + Nothing = Everything
A study of Galatians

Today's Message:
Galatians 1:11-24

A quick recap of Galatians 1:1-10

The Origin of Paul's Gospel
Galatians 1:11-12

Paul as Fanatic against Jesus
Galatians 1:13-14

Paul as Fanatic for Jesus
Galatians 1:15-16a

Romans 8:29-30

Paul as Follower of Jesus
Galatians 1:16b-20

The Sixth Sense

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Galatians 1:21-24

Questions to consider:

1. Are you presently receiving or rejecting God and the gospel?
2. Are you recognizing the amazing grace that God is extending to you?
3. Are you daily following (ie. learning from) Jesus?
4. Will you share this gospel with others?

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14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles...

...my immediate response was not to consult any human being. 17 I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. 18 Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. 19 I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother. 20 I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.

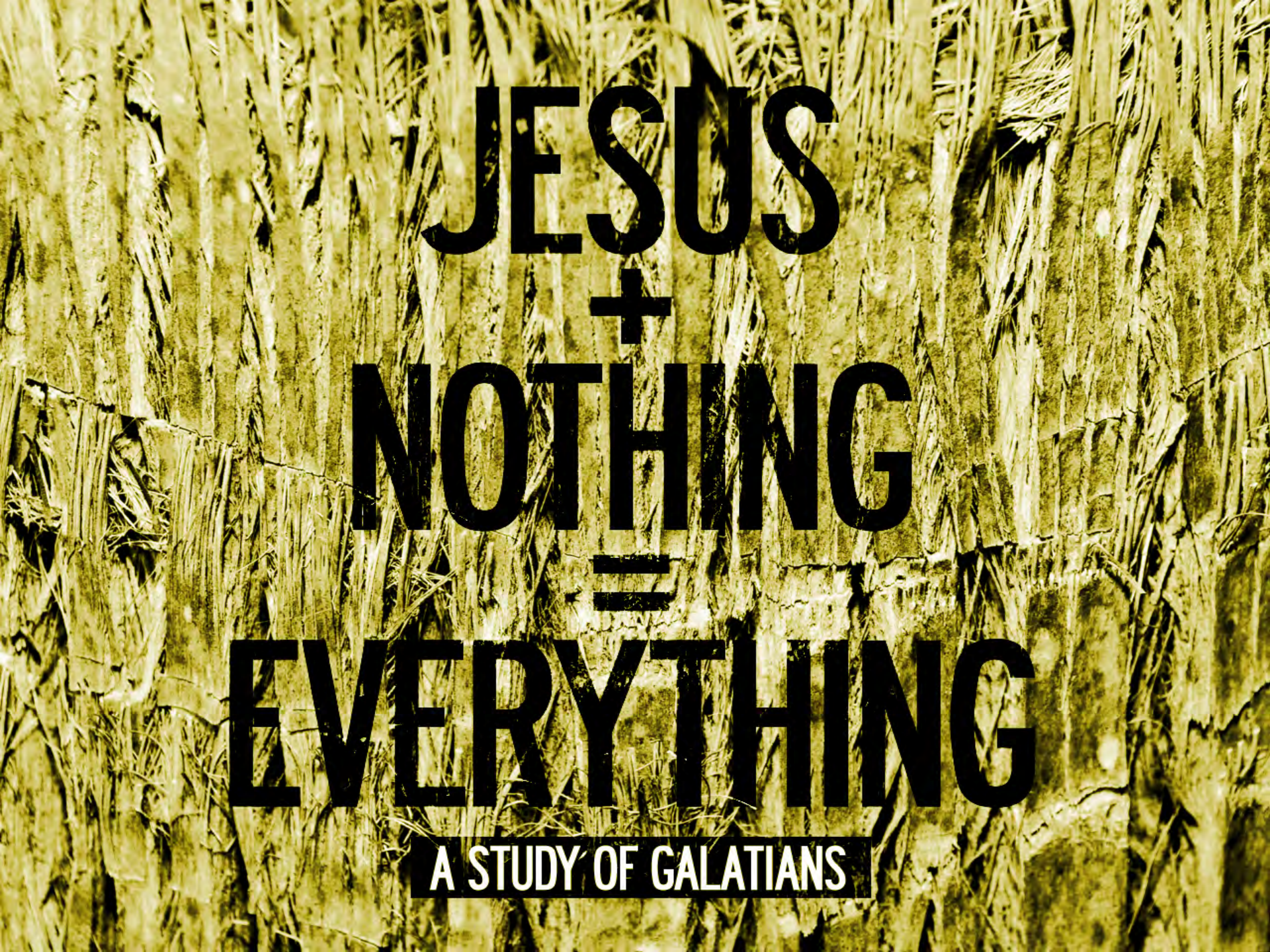
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Romans 8:29-30

29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.



My story of faith



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A STUDY OF GALATIANS

THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL

ACTS 13:4-14; 28

- City
- ← Paul's routes
- Via Sebaste



Paul encounters intense Jewish opposition to the gospel

Paul and Barnabas flee Iconium after a plot to kill them

Paul and Barnabas mistaken for gods

Paul continues journey after being stoned in Lystra

The church at Antioch sends Paul and Barnabas on missionary work

Proconsul Sergius Paulus converted

WEEK #2 – Galatians 1:6-9

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of

Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

WEEK #3 – Galatians 1:10

10 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Two sides of the People Pleasing Coin

Inordinate Desire
for Approval

Inordinate Fear
of Rejection



**#winning the approval
of God?**

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As in verse 1 he asserted the divine origin of his apostolic commission, so now he asserts the divine origin of his apostolic gospel. Neither his mission nor his message was derived from man; both came to him direct from God and Jesus Christ...His gospel, which was being called in question by the Judaizers and deserted by the Galatians, was neither an invention (as if his own brain fabricated it), nor a tradition (as if the church had handed it down to him), but a revelation (for God had made it know to him).

~ John Stott, The Message of Galatians



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/fə'natik/

a person filled with excessive and single-minded zeal, esp. for an extreme religious or political cause.

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2 Corinthians 2:4, 6

4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God...6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

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We believe that in this period of withdrawal, as he meditated on the Old Testament Scriptures, on the facts of the life and death of Jesus that he already knew and on his experience of conversion, the gospel of the grace of God was revealed to him in its fullness.

~ John Stott, *The Message of Galatians*



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THE SIXTH SENSE

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Questions to consider:

If Paul's gospel was given by God,
to reject it is to reject God.

Are you presently receiving or rejecting
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Paul describes God's work in transforming him from a fanatic against Jesus to a fanatic for him.

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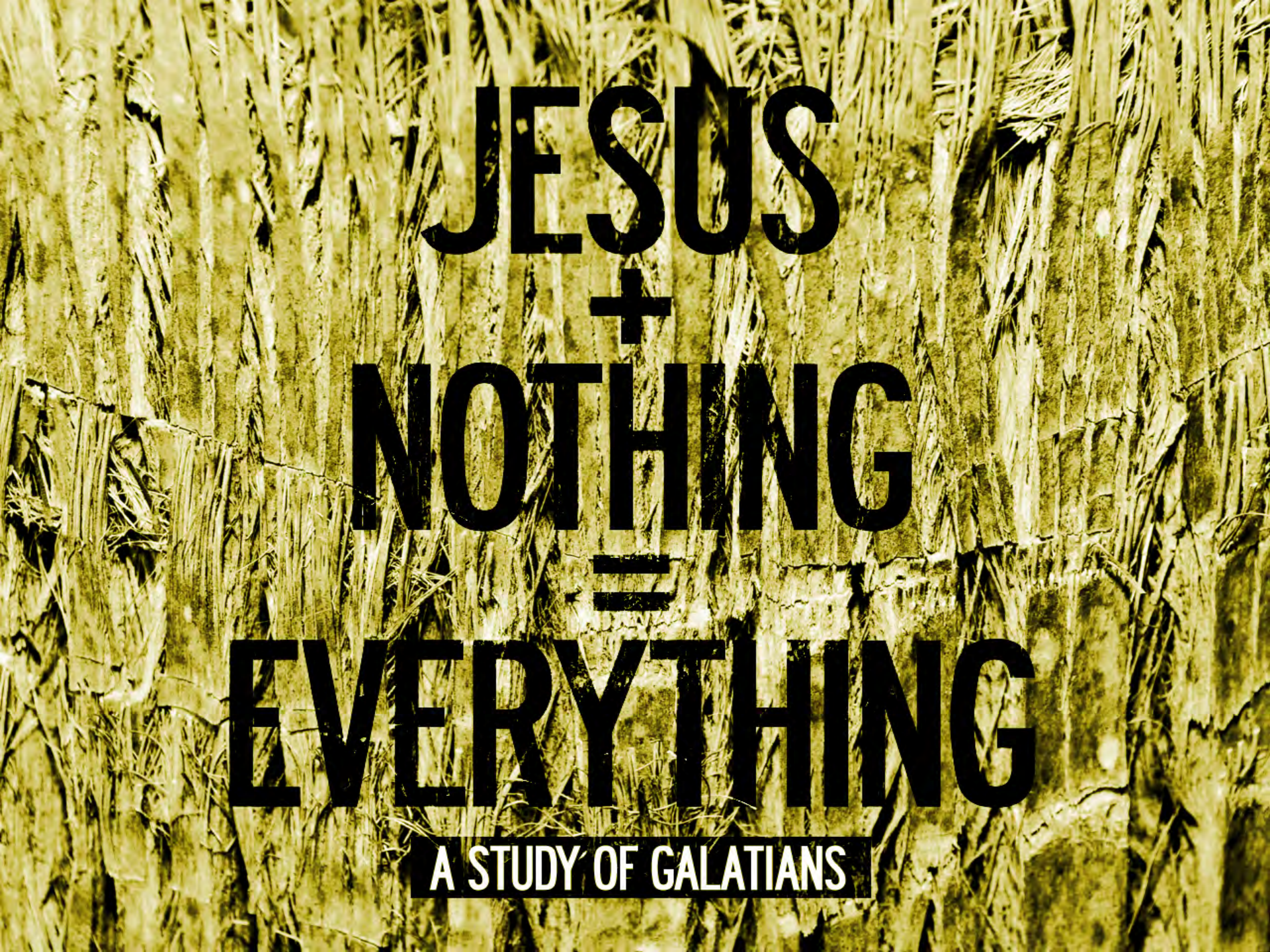
In addition to becoming a fanatic,
Paul became a follower of a Jesus.

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Questions to consider:

Paul went to others and shared
this gospel message.

Will *you* share this gospel
with others?



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