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The Confessions of a Religious Fanatic

Galatians 1:10–2:5

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Notes:

fa-nat-ic *noun*

- a person filled with excessive and single-minded zeal, especially for an extreme religious or political cause. *synonyms: zealot, extremist, militant, dogmatist, devotee, adherent*
- a person with an obsessive interest in and enthusiasm for something, especially an activity. “a fitness fanatic”

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Galatians 1:11-17

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Religious Fanatics vs. Christ Followers

- _____-Driven vs.
_____ -Captured

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GRACE **Galatians 1:15-16**

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“The startling truth of Christianity is that God’s pleasure is not based on our performance... God’s favor is free... it’s based on His performance—Christ for us.” —Tony Merida

Ephesians 2:8-10

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“This whole section flows out of the last three words of verse 11: ‘not man’s gospel.’ Why are those words there? Because the real gospel is counterintuitive. It is not what we expect. It is not what we are comfortable with. The message, ‘Hey you rotten sinners, stop it! Get your act together!’ makes total sense to us. But the message of divine grace, those sacred words from the cross, ‘it is finished’—that’s surprising.” —Ray Ortland

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Ephesians 2:4

• _____ **vs.** _____

Galatians 1:14; 2:4-5

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What is the Nature of Scripture?

Isaiah 40:8

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Hebrews 4:12

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• _____ **vs.** _____

Galatians 1:13-16

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Matthew 5:16

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“Paul understood that the messenger must embody the message. Paul understood that he is himself a living argument for ‘not man’s gospel.’ He is a living surprise, because he really represents God’s counter-intuitive grace. When we see the gospel in a person, then we really see it, we can touch it, we can understand it as more than an argument.”

—Martin Luther

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“The gospel came to you because it was heading to someone else. God never intended for your salvation to be an end, but a beginning.” —Robby Gallaty

Galatians 1:24

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• _____ **vs.** _____

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“The gospel is not good advice from man; it is good news from God. Rejoice in the gospel. In Christ, you find what your heart has always longed to find. No other love is this great. No other hope is this secure. No other forgiveness is this complete. No other joy is this deep.

No other freedom is this liberating. No other peace is this sweet. All of it is found in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” —Tony Merida

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