

And above all these
put on love,

*which binds everything together in perfect unity.
Colossians 3:14*



The background is a high-contrast, black and white photograph of a rugged landscape. On the left, a powerful waterfall cascades down dark, craggy rocks, creating a misty spray. The right side shows more jagged rock formations. In the center, a circular graphic is superimposed, consisting of a solid white line and a larger dashed white line. Two small white dots are positioned on the horizontal line of the dashed circle, one on each side of the word 'WELCOME'.

WELCOME



Shofar Christian Church

The Sufficiency of the Gospel

Galatians 1:1-16

Josh Kruger

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Galatians 1:1-3

4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Galatians 1:4-6

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Galatians 1:7-9

10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Paul Called by God

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Galatians 1:10-11

12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

Galatians 1:12-14

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“This is the sole instance where Paul omits to express his thanksgiving in addressing any church.”

16 “...yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”

Galatians 2:16

2 “Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

Galatians 5:2-4

5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.”


Galatians 5:5-6

Ephesians 2:8

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing.”

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”Non-Christians are saved and Christians grow in grace through the teaching, preaching, counseling, and speaking of Gods word, applied by Gods spirit.”

-Michael Lawrence

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"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Ephesians 2:4-8