

## Week 33 – Questions to Consider

2 Corinthians 12-13 ~ Galatians 1-3

### Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

If you could meet someone in history, who would it be?

1. God allowed Paul many amazing experiences (2 Corinthians 12:2-3) in heaven but was not allowed to speak of it. God allows Paul to suffer greatly from a “thorn” in the flesh which is a “messenger of Satan” (i.e. a demon, “messenger” is “angelos” in Greek which means angel, whether faithful or fallen) that actively harasses him. When Paul asked for relief, how did God respond? Why? (2 Corinthians 12:8-10). How are you currently suffering? What might God be teaching you from this passage?
2. Paul sees himself as a spiritual “parent” (2 Corinthians 12:14-15), investing himself in their spiritual growth. Who has invested in you spiritually? How? Who are you investing in spiritually? How?
3. Paul describes “quarreling, jealous, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder... impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality” as problems within churches (2 Corinthians 12:20-21). Why does Satan attack Christians and churches with such temptations? How can we better resist Satan’s schemes?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. Why is testing the genuineness of our faith so important? How might the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:19-23), the fruits of the flesh versus spirit (Galatians 5:16-24), and the book of 1 John help us evaluate the sincerity of our belief in Jesus? For more see: [www.trustworthyword.com/how-can-i-be-sure-im-a-christian](http://www.trustworthyword.com/how-can-i-be-sure-im-a-christian)
5. When Paul admonishes the church at Galatia he doesn’t merely describe them as rejecting certain beliefs, he describes them as deserting God (Galatians 1:6). How have you seen people you love turn away from God? How has that affected you? What are ways we can seek, like Paul, to turn people we care about back to Jesus?
6. How does Paul describe the aim of His life? (Galatians 1:10) How have you been tempted to be a “people pleaser”? Why? How does this verse help you with having the right priorities and perspective for our focus and goals in life?
7. Paul confronts Peter over his hypocrisy that “was not in step with the truth of the gospel” (Galatians 2:14). Why is such confrontation so tough? So important? Has anyone lovingly, but firmly, confronted you when you were in error? How did it go?

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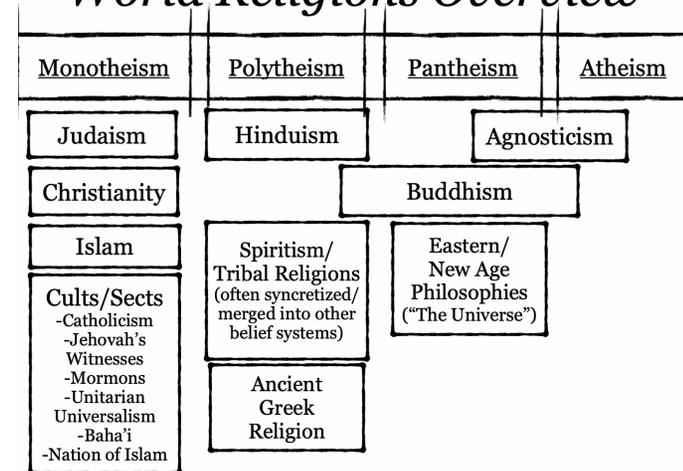
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### This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 34: Galatians 4-6, Ephesians 1-2

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** [www.southfork.church/jesus](http://www.southfork.church/jesus)
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** [remind.com/join/sfbcd devo](http://remind.com/join/sfbcd devo)
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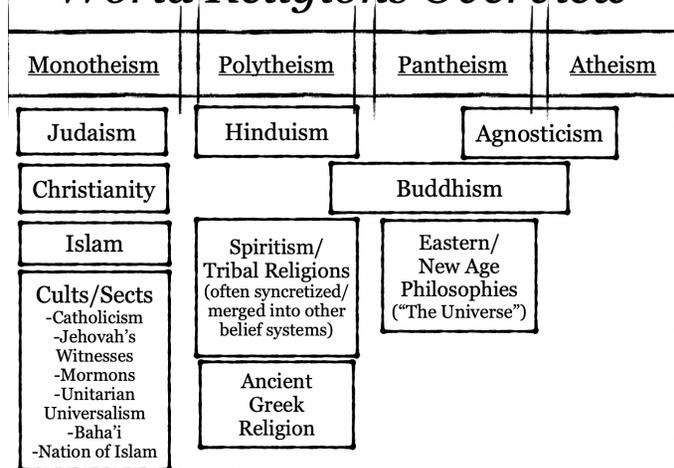
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