

GALATIANS

FOR BEGINNERS

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The Galatian letter is Paul's response to those in every age who would try to tamper with the essential message of the Gospel: That salvation is obtained by faith, not law, and that freedom in Christ moves us to live by the Spirit of God, not the spirit of this world.



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1. Introduction & Outline

This first lesson in this series contains the background information on the history of the Galatian church, Paul's reason for writing this letter, and the general division of the topics that the Apostle addresses in his epistle to these people. (Galatians 1:1-5)

Intro - The first attack on the church came from within the church.

There are four goals in our study of this epistle:

- Examine _____.
- Review _____.
- Study _____.
- Learn _____.

I. Background - Galatians

“Circumcision” Party

Galatians - Outline

I. Greeting – 1:1-5

II. Rebuke – 1:6-9

III. Personal History – 1:10-2:14

A. Conversation and early years – 1:10-17

B. First Meeting with Peter – 1:18-24

C. Second Meeting with Peter – 2:1-10

D. Third Meeting with Peter – 2:11-14

IV. Discourse on Justification by Faith – 2:15-4:31

A. Righteousness comes by faith – 2:15-21

B. Spirit and Power comes by faith – 3:1-5

C. Inheritance of Abraham comes by faith – 3:6-29

D. Sonship comes by faith – 4:1-7

E. Freedom comes by faith – 4:8-31

V. Exhortations – 5:1-6:18

A. Exhortation to stand firm in freedom – 5:1-6:10

1. Reject circumcision – 5:1-12

2. Love one another – 5:13-15

3. Walk by the Spirit – 5:16-24

4. Encourage one another – 5:25-6:5

5. Help one another – 6:6-10

B. Final warning against False Teachers and Salutation

1. Warning against “circumcision” party – 6:11-16

2. Salutations – 6:17-18

III. Greeting

Vs. 1 _____

Vs. 2 _____

Vs. 3-4 _____

Vs. 5 _____

“Aw-mane” = Amen

2. The Dangers of False Teaching

In this lesson Paul describes the false teaching that was being promoted by certain teachers at the Galatian church and the dangerous consequences that would result. (Galatians 1:6-9)

Intro - Review

The Distortion of the gospel created two dangers for the Galatians:

1. _____

2. _____

Paul reminds them of the “one” gospel.

Accusation - 1:6-7

Vs. 6 – Paul marvels at the speed with which they are falling away.

They had quickly abandoned the gospel for what they thought was a superior way of salvation.

Vs. 7 – Paul comments on the “gospel” brought to them by the Judaizers.

The Apostle charges these people with their true motives for spreading this doctrine.

The warning - vs. 8-9

Paul warns the Judaizers and anyone who would follow them about the consequences.

Vs. 8 – Anyone preaching a false gospel stands _____

Vs. 9 – Paul repeats his injunction.

Basic Lessons for Today

1. There is only _____

- Matthew 28:20

- Mark 16:15-16

- I Corinthians 15:1-5

- Jude 3

2. Judge the messenger _____

False gospels do not _____

3. Chronology of the Apostle Paul's Life

Paul recounts his own personal history of faith and early work as a missionary establishing churches throughout the Roman Empire. He also describes an important confrontation with another Apostle over the very issues that existed in the Galatian church.

Intro - Review our study of Galatians

Outline

Our general outline details three separate meetings that Paul had with Peter over a period of 15 years.

Meeting #1 – Galatians 1:10-17

Meeting #2 – Galatians 2:1-10

Meeting #3 – Galatians 2:11-14

Chronology

There is no orderly chronology of Paul's life in the New Testament.
If we want the order we have to piece it together.

A. Birth – Act 21:39 _____

B. Training – Acts 22:3 _____

C. Conversion – Acts 9:3-18; 22:16 _____

D. Escape from Damascus – Acts 9:19-25 _____

E. Time in Arabia – Galatians 1:17a _____

F. Return to Damascus – Galatians 1:17b _____

G. First meeting with Peter in Jerusalem – Galatians 1:18 _____

H. Syria and Cilicia – Galatians 1:21 _____

I. With Barnabas in Antioch – Acts 11:19-26 _____

J. Relief Ministry – Acts 11:27-30; 12:25 _____

K. Return to Antioch – Acts 12:25 _____

L. First Missionary Journey – Acts 13:1 _____

M. Second Meeting with Peter – Galatians 2:1-10 _____

N. Third Meeting with Peter – Galatians 2:11-14 _____

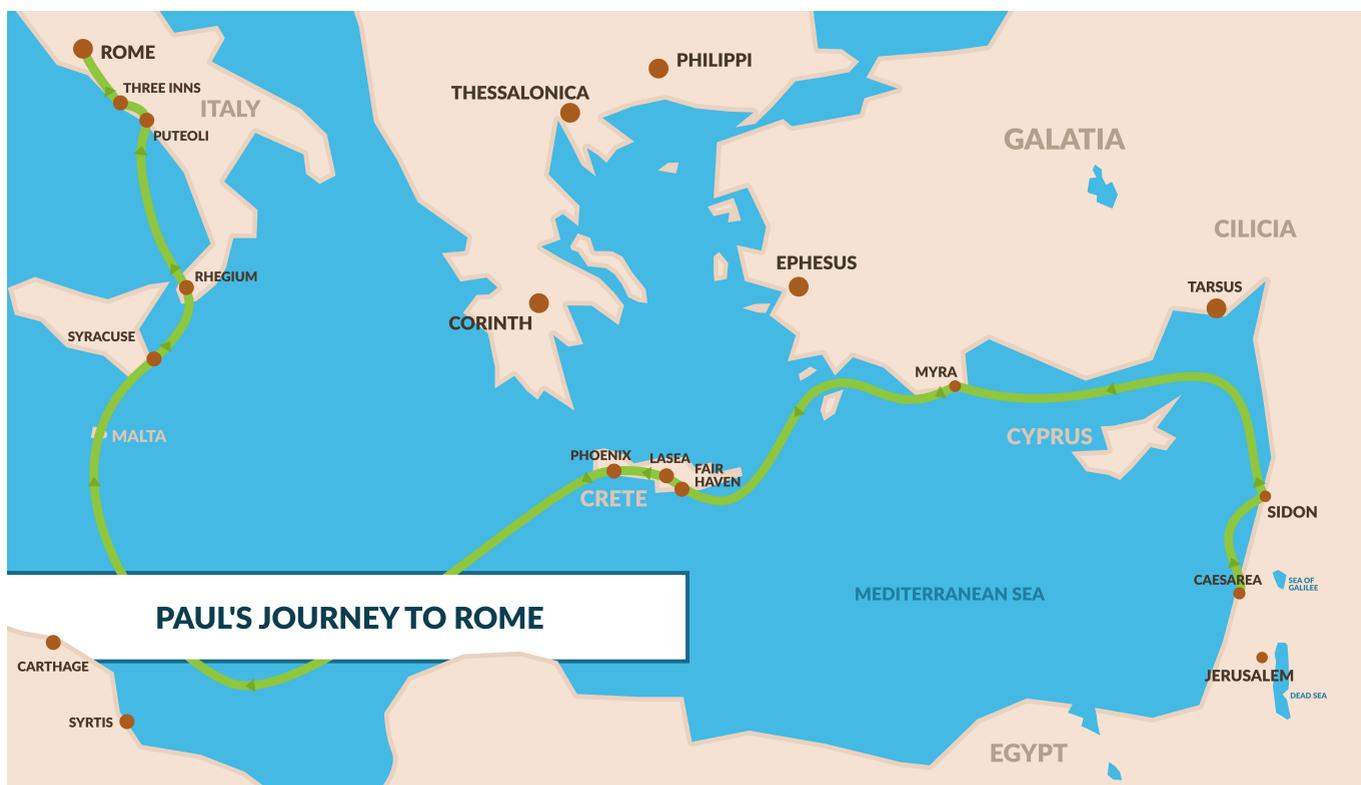
O. Second Missionary Journey – Acts 12:36-18:22 _____

P. Third Missionary Journey – Acts 18:23-21:16 _____

Q. Paul's imprisonment in Rome – Acts 21:17-28:31 _____

R. Brief freedom – Titus 1:5-6 _____

S. Second imprisonment and death – II Timothy 4:6 _____



4. Paul's Conversion and Commission

Paul continues to describe his own conversion to Christianity from Judaism and his early contact with the Apostles at Jerusalem as a way of establishing his legitimacy as a teacher and Apostle. (Galatians 1:10-2:10)

Intro - Review

Paul responds to accusations that his gospel is not the same:

1. He received the gospel _____

2. The apostles _____

3. He corrected _____

How Paul obtained the Gospel - 1:11-24

Paul explains the divine source and method of his receiving the Gospel.

Vs. 11-12 _____

Vs. 13-14 – Paul explains his own conversion.

Paul saw the “traditions” as the crown jewel of Phariseeism. _____

Vs. 15-17 – Paul refers to his conversion and commission in the same context.

Vs. 18-20 _____

Vs. 21-24 _____

All Apostles acknowledged Paul’s gospel – 2:1-10

We know some of the details of Paul’s life during his time in Syria. _____

Paul describes in Galatians 2:1-10 what Luke also describes in Acts 15.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Vs. 1-2 _____

Vs. 3 _____

Vs. 4-5 _____

Vs. 6 _____

Vs. 7-9 _____

Vs. 10 _____

5. Paul Confronts Peter

Paul goes into detail describing the core idea of the gospel message, that we are saved by a system of faith and not by a system of law which the false teachers were promoting. (Galatians 2:11-21)

Intro - Paul is defending himself against accusations that he had changed the gospel to accommodate his work with the Gentiles.

Peter's Rebuke - vs. 11-14

Vs. 11

Vs. 12 - Antioch was the Jewish/Gentile church to whom the letter from Jerusalem was written.

Vs. 13 - Peter's action was dangerous because:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Vs. 14 - Paul confronts Peter publically.

Paul's Argument - vs. 15-21

Paul reviews his argument _____

Vs. 15-16 _____

What was the ideological conflict?

1. Paul believed and taught _____

The righteousness that man had at creation in Adam was recreated again in Jesus, just as

2. The Pharisees _____

The problem with their view.

Vs. 17 - Paul asks, "Do we sin by trying to be justified through faith rather than through Law?"

Vs. 18 - In re-establishing the system of salvation by works of the Law – two things happen:

1. He will be condemned _____

2. Christ will condemn _____

Either way, he will become a _____

Vs. 19 _____

The imagery of “Dying to the Law” and “Living to God”

Vs. 20 - The old Paul died with Christ.

The new Paul _____

Previous acts done as works of law were _____

Vs. 21- Paul is not the one eliminating the grace of God _____

It's one or the other but _____

Summary

6. Spirit and Power Through Faith

The Apostle rebukes and questions his readers for their foolish and dangerous attempt at returning to a system of law/works in order to obtain salvation and sanctification. (Galatians 3:1-5)

Intro - Write, in your own words, what it means to be “justified by faith.”

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul is re-stating the gospel which he originally preached to them.

Both Paul and the “Judaizers” wanted perfection but their methods were different.

Judaizers method _____

Paul (God’s) method _____

This "Perfection", this absolute obedience Paul calls _____

There is no salvation other than through Christ because:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

Righteousness by way of faith is the only way because:

1. God decreed _____

2. Righteousness is a _____

3. Righteousness by faith _____

Paul goes on to describe other things that are also obtained by faith.

Spirit and Power come by faith – 3:1-5

Paul shows that other gifts are obtained by faith and he demonstrates this by asking 5 questions:

1. What is the matter with you? – Vs. 1

2. How did you receive the Holy Spirit? – Vs. 2

3. What system is working for you now? - Vs. 3

4. Was it all for nothing? - Vs. 4

5. Where do miracles come from? - Vs. 5

Summary

A Practical Lesson for all Christians

If I am already perfect in God's eyes, why should/do I struggle to obey and do what is right?

7. How Law and Faith Work Together

In this lesson Paul establishes the main argument of his letter to the Galatians, that spiritual blessings have always been obtained through a system of faith and not through a system of merit. (Galatians 3:6-22)

Intro - Paul is explaining how we obtain spiritual blessings through a faith-based system!

Paul mentions another blessing obtained in the same way in Galatians 3:6.

Jesus was the designated recipient of the blessings, not the Jews.

I. Blessings by faith

Vs. 6-7 - God has always operated on a faith-based system.

Vs. 8-9 - The "Good News" is not simply that Jesus is Lord...

Vs. 10-14 – Paul now contracts the Faith system to the Law system.

Jesus annulled the curse of the Law in 3 ways:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Vs. 14 – Everyone could be blessed once the curse was removed.

Vs. 15 – Paul explains in more detail what the purpose of the “Law” was.

Vs. 16 – It was the seed of Abraham who would inherit the promise.

Vs. 17 – Abraham to Moses – 400 years.

Vs. 18 – Two things happen when you change the faith system.

1. _____

2. _____

Vs. 19 – “Why, then, was the Law given?”

A. For transgressions

1. To reveal _____.
2. To mitigate against _____.
3. To reveal _____.

B. To prepare men for _____.

Vs. 20 – The Law didn't change the Promise.

Vs. 21-22 – The Law didn't oppose the Promise.

8. Freedom Through Faith

In this section Paul will explain how freedom, like all other spiritual blessings, is obtained through a system of faith and not law.

(Galatians 4:1-31)

Faith is explained in 2 ways:

1. Faith _____

2. Faith _____

Vs. 3:23 _____

Vs. 3:24 _____

Vs. 3:25 _____

Summary and results of God's work - 3:26-29

Vs. 26 _____

Vs. 27 _____

Faith has 3 components:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Abraham's faith is the model.

Vs. 28 _____

Vs. 29 _____

Paul explains 3 things:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Review of Sonship - 4:1-4

Paul has already explained how the “true” sons of Abraham are those who receive God’s blessings by faith.

Vs. 1-3 – He reviews the idea of guardians.

Vs. 4-5

Vs. 6-7 – Once Christ comes, the work of the tutor is over.

Freedom comes by faith - 4:8-31

A. Return to Bondage - vs. 8-11

Vs. 8 _____

Vs. 9-11 _____

B. The Appeal of Love - vs. 12-20

Paul makes an emotional appeal to his brethren.

Vs. 12 _____

Vs. 13-15 _____

Vs. 16-18 _____

Vs. 19-20 – Paul uses the tender language of an expectant parent. _____

C. Allegory of Sarah and Hagar

Paul says that the story of Sarah and Hagar has meaning on two different levels.

Vs. 21 _____

Vs. 22-23 _____

Vs. 24-27 – Paul explains the deeper meaning of the story.

Vs. 28-31 – Like Isaac, Christians are children of the Promise not the Law.

Lessons from the Entire Section

1. From the beginning _____

2. These blessings were available _____

3. The Law was introduced _____

4. Anyone who attempts _____

9. A Call to Live in Freedom

In his final appeal to the Galatian Christians, Paul encourages them to reject the soul-killing teachings of the Judaizers and live as free men according to the teachings of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:1-6:18)

Intro - This letter was originally written to turn this church away from a form of legalism.

The Jews lost the righteousness that saves because they rejected Christ as their starting point.

Reject Circumcision - 5:1-12

The Judaizers had made this ritual the symbol of their whole case. _____

Vs. 1-4 - Paul warns them not to sever themselves from Christ.

Vs. 5-6 - Those united by faith to Christ have true hope. _____

Paul now goes on to exhort them not to abandon the faith for legalism. _____

Vs. 7-10 _____

Vs. 11-12 – Paul defends against the charge that he also is preaching “circumcision.” _____

The True Walk of Freedom – 5:13-6:10

In verse 1 of this passage Paul equates union with Christ as freedom. In the next verses he explains the true nature of “Christian Freedom.”

A. Service – vs. 13-15

B. Fruitfulness – vs. 16-26

C. Fellowship – 6:1-10

Final Warnings and Salutation – 6:11-18

1. Warning against circumcision party – vs. 11-16

2. Final Farewell – vs. 17-18

What significant thing have you learned about:

Faith _____

Blessings _____

Freedom _____

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