

GALATIANS

AUTHOR:
PAUL

CHARTER OF THE CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

PURPOSE

↳ refutes the **Judaizers** (EXTREMIST) who kept the Jewish Law & accuse Paul as a **SNOW** (FALSE) GOSPEL

BLUEPRINT - This epistle has parts

1. Authenticity
2. Superiority
3. Freedom

D6GROUP GUIDE

1. Who wrote the book of Galatians? When did he write it?
2. Why did he write it?
3. What are the Galatians? What are the problems?
4. Do you think the author is credible to write to the Galatians?
5. For you, do you think the TRUTH is important? Why?

1. **PAUL** wrote the book of Galatians; it is actually a letter. 21 of the 27 books of the New Testament are letters/epistles. No exact date when this letter was written but it can be concluded at around 47AD

2. Galatians 1:6-7

3. Paul was writing to the believers of Galatia. Galatia is the modern-day **TURKEY**. Paul reached Asia Minor on his first missionary journey. The churches in Galatia were formed during Paul's missionary mission to Asia Minor.

There were 4 problems to be specific:

A. Persecution of the brethren: by the **Judaizers** - they are Jewish; they believe that being a Christian meant accepting Jesus as Christ **AND** accepting circumcision and keeping the law of Moses religiously

B. Persecution of the brethren: we must work for our salvation - This is a very serious problem. We must **NEVER** work for our salvation - Keeping the law of Moses means fulfilling a requirement to be saved. Never should we follow traditions like circumcision, avoiding pork, and religious rituals like going to the temple, offerings, and dressing like a good Jew

C. Disrespecting Study God's Word to Defend Our Faith - As committed followers of Jesus, we must diligently study God's words so that we won't be deceived by false teachings

D. Condemnation by those who distort the Gospel - Galatians 1:8-9 - The bible is **CLEAR**; those who distort it will be eternally condemned. - **ACCUSED** means **ANTITHESIS** or **dedicated to end** & **condemned to hell**

4. **PAUL** is credible to write the letter because:

- A. He received the true gospel from Jesus Christ Himself - He wasn't really one of Jesus' disciples and he wasn't taught alongside the disciples - He was before **SPAL**, the persecutor of Jesus - Galatians 1:11-12
- B. He was transformed by the true Gospel - Galatians 1:13, 23 - Paul actually has the highest possible Jewish lineage - He is more **JEWISH** than the **Judaizers** - Not only he was a Jew, he was a Pharisee - Not just a Pharisee, he was a disciple of the most famous Jewish leader during his time - He had a life mission to destroy the faith he had now embraced

- * Paul is a living breathing example of what the Gospel of Christ can do through Faith. Due to this, he has testimony to the authenticity & power of the **TRUE** gospel is the transformed life of the one proclaiming it.
- * From a persecutor of Christians to a preacher of the Gospel Paul was changed by God's grace!
- * Indeed, no one can change the gospel, but the gospel can change us.

MEGA THEMES



Faith



Freedom

was given as a guide in order for us to be forgiven. Christ's death fulfilled the obligation of the law for us.

Through his death & blood we are justified - if we accept him as savior and Lord.

must **NEVER** be twisted.

we are free in Christ

freedom is a **privilege**

we are free to do **ANYTHING** but we are not free to choose our **Consequences**

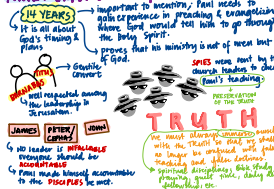


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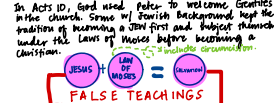
instructs, guides, leads, gives us power

we are saved through **FAITH** alone - not by our good deeds

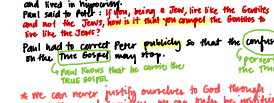
PAUL'S EXPERIENCE w/ CHURCH LEADERS



PAUL'S ENCOUNTER w/ PETER / CYPRIAS



FALSE TEACHINGS



* we can never justify ourselves to God through traditions and sacrifices. We are only justified by following the **WORD** of God, Jesus Christ as our Lord and savior.

* Christ has been crucified to free us from our sins. He died on the cross, then Christ died for humanity. He has died on the cross, then Christ died for humanity.

* Once we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and savior, we must no longer go back to our old sins. We must no longer go back to our old sins.

NEVER GO BACK TO SOMETHING GOD HAS ALREADY RESCUED YOU FROM.

SUPERIORITY OF THE GOSPEL

- * Faith brings righteousness
- * you can never be justified in God's eyes by following the Mosaic Law.
- * **PAUL**, who was previously named **PAUL**, shared his testimony.
- * He identified himself as a **TRANSgressor**
- * He acknowledged the power of the **TRUE** Gospel and he is no longer living by flesh but by of **FAITH**.

No longer I, but Christ (Gal 2:20)

EXPERIENCE OF THE GALATIANS

- Galatians were already saved.
- They started with believing that Jesus is the Lord & savior but they are trying to **FINISH** or **COMPLETE** their salvation through the Mosaic Law.
- Galatians = **EGOTISM**

They already know about Jesus and God, but they still follow the traditions.

CHRISTIAN LIFE IS NOT BASED ON LEGALISM

↳ Ephesians 1:13-14

→ **HEAR, KNOW, OBEY**

→ Once we accept the Gospel, we are already **SERVED** by the Holy Spirit.

EXPERIENCE OF ABRAHAM

- Abraham is a good model. He heard the Gospel in his heart & his plans.
- Abraham never doubted God.
- Abraham never **BELEIEVED** and he was called **FAITHFUL** by God.
- If only he could believe just like Abraham.
- **FAITH**
- **THE 10 COMMANDMENTS**
- **6-10** Law against others
- you can never follow all 10
- When you break 1, you already break all of it (James 2:10)
- 10 commandments are given as guides to show how perfect we are; 10 guides to show how perfect we are; 10 guides to show how perfect we are.
- The Law is based for **LAW BREAKERS**
- Paul did not die with Jesus when he got crucified (Romans 6:23)
- Paul did not die for us when he got crucified through Faith.
- Because of God's merciful love for us, he gave us the Holy Spirit to live for us.
- The Law does NOT invalidate God's promises. Jesus came to fulfill them all.

UNDERSTANDING THE CULTURE

TRADITIONS: observing rituals, customs, and practices of the Jewish religious calendar.

↳ Observing the traditions are signs of turning back again to the world & worthless traditions.

LEGALISM: carrying merit in order to gain place in heaven.

↳ we are given the privilege to call God as our FATHER!

↳ Jesus was sent to **REDEEM** those who are under the law.

↳ God's kingdom is **PERFECT**. He sent Jesus at a time when all the world religions, cultures, & political conditions are in the perfect place.

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WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT WE ARE SINNERS AND IN NEED OF A SAVIOR.

↳ **JESUS CHRIST**

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