

# GALATIANS

You Are Free!



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## Questions Answered

- Who wrote it? Paul
- Who was it written to? Galatian believers
- Where was it written from? Syrian Antioch
- When was it written? A.D. 49
- Why was it written? Counteract the Judaizers teaching sanctification by works



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## 3 Phases of Salvation

- **Justification:** freedom from sin's penalty
- **Sanctification:** freedom from sin's power
- **Glorification:** freedom from sin's presence



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## Questions Answered



- What is inside? Autobiography, doctrine, application
- What is it about? Sanctification attained the same way as justification
- How does the book apply to daily life? How to be holy

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## Introduction (Gal 1:1-10)

- Greeting (Gal 1:1-2)
- Gospel (Gal 1:3-5)
- Denunciation (Gal 1:6-10)



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## Why Was It Written? Occasion

- Ad hominem attack against Paul
  - ◆ Acts 1:21-22
  - ◆ Apostleship (1 Cor 15:8-9)



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## Paul Defends His Apostleship (Gal 1:11—2:21)

- Independence (Gal 1:11-24)
- Interdependence (Gal 2:1-10)
- Rebuke of a lead apostle (Gal 2:11-21)



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## What is Inside? Structure

- 1–2: Autobiographical section
- 3–4: Doctrinal section
- 5–6: Practical section



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## Gal 3–4 Overview

- 3: Doctrine explained
- 4: Doctrine illustrated



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## Gal 3:1-5 Outline



- I. The charge (3:1)
  
- II. The questions (3:2-5)
  - ◆ A. How did you receive the Spirit? (2)
  - ◆ B. Are you now being perfected by the flesh? (3)
  - ◆ C. Have you suffered so much in vain? (4)
  - ◆ D. On what basis does God work miracles among you? (5)

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## Gal 3:6-9 Outline

- I. The pattern of Abraham (3:6)
- II. The progeny of Abraham (3:7)
- III. The purpose of Abraham (3:8)
- IV. The promise of Abraham (3:9)



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## Gal 3:10-25 Outline



- I. The Law's inability to justify (3:10-12)
- II. Christ redeemed us from the Law's curse (3:13-14)
- III. The Law does not nullify faith (3:15-18)
- IV. The purpose of the Law is to lead us to Christ (3:19-25)

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### Law's Inability to Justify (3:10-12)

- The Law was not given to redeem a people but to a redeemed people
- 10-All of the Law must be kept (Deut 27:26)
- 11-Even those under the era of the Law were saved through faith alone (Hab 2:4)
- 12-Life under the Law involves performance (Lev 18:5)



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### Christ Redeemed Us From The Curse of the Law (3:13-14)

- Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us
- 13-Like a common criminal, Christ hung on a tree thereby experiencing divine rejection (Deut 21:23)
- 14-Such divine rejection was necessary so that the Gentiles could be blessed



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### Law Does Not Nullify Faith (3:15-18)

- 15-A contract is indissoluble
- 16-Illustrated through the predicted Messiah
- 17-Faith came before the Law
- 18-Inheritance is received by faith alone



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### A Contract is Indissoluble (3:15)

- Example from the natural world
- A contract remains indissoluble once established
- Same with the principle of faith



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### Illustration of the Predicted Messiah (3:16)

- Point of comparison
- Messiah predicted in OT
- Gen 22:18-collective singular
- The promise of a coming Messiah was not altered by the giving of the Law
- Similarly the principle of faith was not altered by the later giving of the Law



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### Faith Came Before the Law (3:17)

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### Inheritance is Received By Faith Alone (3:18)



- Definition of an inheritance
- If an inheritance is received through the Law then it is no longer a promise
- Abraham obtained his inheritance by faith alone in a promise
- Same with us

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