

GALATIANS

You Are Free!



Dr. Andy Woods

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



3 Phases of Salvation

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



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

Introduction (Gal 1:1-10)

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



Why Was It Written? Occasion

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



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)



What is Inside? Structure

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



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)



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)



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)



The Privileges of Adulthood (3:26-29)

- 26-Sons of God
- 27-Baptism into Christ
- 28-One with other Christians
- 29-Children of Abraham



Gal 3–4 Overview

- 3: Doctrine explained
- 4: Doctrine illustrated



Gal 4 Overview


- 4: Doctrine illustrated
 - ◆ Domestic (1-11)
 - ◆ Personal (12-20)
 - ◆ Biblical (21-31)



| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Mother | Hagar | Sarah |
| Mother's status | Slave | Free |
| Child | Ishmael | Isaac |
| Birth order | 1st | 2nd |
| Scripture | Gen 16 | Gen 21 |
| Birth | Natural | Supernatural |
| Work | Man | God |
| Accomplished | Works | Faith |
| Covenant | Mosaic | Abrahamic |
| City | Earthly Jerusalem | Heavenly Jerusalem |
| Salvation | By the Law | By faith |
| Result | Slavery | Freedom |

What is Inside? Structure

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




Galatians 5:1

Therefore...

1-4  5-6

Gal 5 Overview

- 4: Balance in the Christian Life
 - ◆ No to legalism (1-12)
 - ◆ No to license (13-15)
 - ◆ Yes to the Spirit (16-26)



Gal 5:13-15 Overview

- Our calling to freedom (5:13a)



- What we are free to do (5:13b-15):

- ◆ To oppose the flesh (13b)
- ◆ To love one another (13c)
- ◆ To serve one another (13d)
- ◆ To fulfill God's moral Law (14)
- ◆ To not harm others (15)

Our Calling to Freedom (5:13a)

- Not to slavery to the Law



- Biblical freedom is not license

- Freedom to do good

Freedom to Oppose the Flesh (5:13b)

- Our former enslavement to the sin nature

- The sin nature has been defeated but not annihilated

- We should not yield to the sin nature



Freedom to Love One Another (5:13c)

- Attitudes as well as actions
- 1 Peter 1:22
- *Agapē*



Freedom to Serve One Another (5:13d)

- How do I know that I love the brethren?
- Attitudes translates into actions
- 1 John 3:16-17; John 13:15



Freedom to Fulfill God's Moral Law (5:14)

- The grace-filled life automatically fulfills the Law
 - ◆ Vertically-Deut 6:5
 - ◆ Horizontally-Lev 19:18
- Paul is not *antinomian*



Freedom to Avoid Harming One Another (5:15)

- Flesh (13b)



- Flesh's desire is to harm others (Mark 7:20-23; Jas 4:1-2)
- Christians fulfilling the flesh attack one another

Gal 5:13b-15 Review

- To oppose the flesh (13b)
 - ◆ To love one another (13c)
 - ◆ To serve one another (13d)
 - ◆ To fulfill God's moral Law (14)
- To not harm others (15)



Gal 5:13-15 Review

- Our calling to freedom (5:13a)



- What we are free to do (5:13b-15):
 - ◆ To oppose the flesh (13b)
 - ◆ To love one another (13c)
 - ◆ To serve one another (13d)
 - ◆ To fulfill God's moral Law (14)
 - ◆ To not harm others (15)
