

GALATIANS

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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



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

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 - ◆ 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

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Ephesians 4:1

Therefore...

1-3



4-6

Romans 12:1

Therefore...

1-11



12-

16

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 5:1-12 Overview

■ Exhortation to reject legalism (5:1)

■ Reasons (5:2-12)-Legalism:

- ◆ Makes Christ unnecessary (2)
- ◆ Obligates one to keep the whole Law (3)
- ◆ Causes us to fall from grace (4-6)
- ◆ Thwarts spiritual progress (7-10)
- ◆ Empties the cross of its offense (11-12)



Exhortation to Not Return to Legalism (5:1)

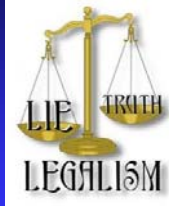
■ “Therefore” (Eph 4:1; Rom 12:1)

■ Christ has set us free

■ Stand firm

■ Do not return to slavery

■ 5 reasons not to return to legalism (2-12)



Legalism Makes Christ Unnecessary (5:2)

■ Why do you need Christ?

■ Gen 3:7, 21

■ Gal 2:20



Legalism Obligates One to Keep the Whole Law (5:3)

■ God's standard = 100% perfection

■ James 2:10



Legalism Causes Us to Fall from Grace (5:4-6)

- 4-Arminianism?
- 5-6-Description of God's grace in daily life
 - ◆ Through the Spirit (5)
 - ◆ Faith working (6)



Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

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Legalism Thwarts Spiritual Progress (5:7-10)

- 7-Thwarted progress described
- 8-10-Three truths about false teachers
 - ◆ They contradict revealed truth (8)
 - ◆ Their sin is contagious (9)
 - ◆ They are destined for judgment (10)



Legalism Empties the Cross of its Offense (5:11-12)

- 11-The Gospel is offensive
- 12-Paul's desire for the Judaizers to remove themselves



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