

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



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- 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)



Gal 4:1-11 Overview

- Law: preparation for sonship (1-3)
- Christ: source of sonship (4-5)
- Spirit: confirmation of sonship (6)
- Our new position: consummation of sonship (7)
- Hold fast: obligation of sonship (8-11)



Christ: Source of Sonship (Gal 4:4-5)

- 4-God sent forth His son
 - ◆ Fullness of time
 - ◆ Born of a woman
 - ◆ Born under Law
- 5-In order to:
 - ◆ Redeem those under the Law
 - ◆ Adoption



Spirit: Confirmation of Sonship (Gal 4:6)

- Our Sonship
- Confirmed by the Spirit (John 14:16-18)
- Allowing us to cry out “Abba Father”



Position: Consummation of Sonship (Gal 4:7)

- From slave
- To:
 - ◆ Son
 - ◆ Heir (1 Pet 1:4)



Hold Fast: Obligations of Sonship (4:8-11)

- 8-Before conversion
- 9-After conversion
- 10-Law described
- 11-Paul's fear



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