

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 3–4 Overview

- 3: Doctrine explained
- 4: Doctrine illustrated



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)

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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

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

- 15-A contract remains un-dissolvable once established
- 16-The promise of the Messiah was never altered by the coming of the Law (Gen 22:17-18)
- 17-The early principle of faith through Abraham could not be altered by the later coming of the Law (Gen 46:1-4)
- 18-If the inheritance could come through obedience under the Law then it would no longer be a promise



Gal 3:10-18 Review

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