

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 Judiazers 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)




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)



The Charge (3:1)



- Foolish (Luke 24:25)
- Bewitched
- Who taught you this?
- Publicly portrayed (Acts 13:39)
- Continuing benefits of Christ's death

Initial Reception of the Spirit? (3:2)

- At the point of faith
 - ◆ Rom 8:9
 - ◆ 1 Cor 12:13
 - ◆ Acts 15:7-8
 - ◆ Acts 10:44-45



Current Perfection by the Flesh? (3:3)

- Are you so foolish?
- You began by the Spirit (Gal 4:6)
- Are you now being perfected by the flesh?



Have you Suffered So Much in Vain? (3:4)

- If your previous grace understanding was erroneous...
- And if you came to this understanding through suffering (Acts 14:22)...
- Then such suffering would be in vain if you rejected your previous grace position

Why Does God Work Miracles Among You? (5)

- Spirit's generous provision
- Miracles-*dunamis* (Acts 14:3, 8-11)
- Miracles accompanied preaching of the Word (Mark 16:20; Rom 15:19)
- Miracles do not produce faith (Rom 10:17; Luke 16:27-31)
- Continuing working of miracles



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