

A LETTER
FROM PAUL

Galatians: Quick Facts



Background

Author: The Apostle Paul

Where + When: Uncertain, but probably AD 48 or in the 50s.

Original Language: Greek

Audience: Churches in southern Galatia, and perhaps northern Galatia, founded by Paul during his missionary journey.

In the whole Bible, there is no more passionate, comprehensive, yet concise statement of the truth of the gospel than Galatians. Salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ alone. No work can earn salvation.

The Term 'Galatia': Used in Two Senses

Ethnographic

Referred to the central part of Asia Minor.

Political (or provincial)

Referred to including territory to the south that was not originally considered a part of Galatia (Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, etc.)

Important Numbers

- 48th Book in the Bible
- 9th Book in the New Testament
- 4th of 21 Epistle Books (Romans - Jude)
- 5th of Paul's 13 books
- 18 Books to follow it
- CHAPTERS: 6
- VERSES: 149
- WORDS: 3,098

Main Ideas

Personal Words from Paul: Defense of the True Gospel

Chapters 1-2

Doctrinal Teaching: Freedom from Legalism

Chapters 3-4

Practical Exhortations: Freedom to Love and to Serve

Chapters 5-6

Style

Vigorous, Direct, Blunt, and Brief

Theme


The new world wide family which had been promised to Abraham is created by faith in the Messiah Jesus, not by keeping the Jewish law (Torah). The biblical story has been pointing to this all along.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY CARDS



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“Grace and peace to you from **God** our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our **God** and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”



—Galatians 1:3–5

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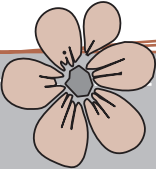
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—Galatians 2:19–20

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“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of **God** through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all **One** in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”



—Galatians 3:26–29

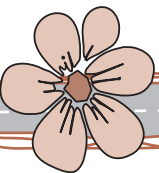
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“Because **you** are his **SONS**, God sent the **Spirit** of his **SON** into our **hearts**, the **Spirit** who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are **no longer a slave**, but **God’s child**, and since you are his **child**, **God** has made **you** also **an heir**.”

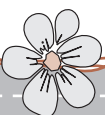
—Galatians 4:6–7



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“So I say, walk by the **Spirit**, and you will not gratify the **desires** of the **flesh**. For the flesh desires what is **contrary** to the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** what is **contrary** to the **flesh**. They are in **conflict** with each other, so that you are not to do whatever **you** want. But if you **are led** by the **Spirit**, you are **not** under the **law**.”

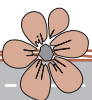
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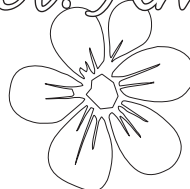
“Brothers and sisters, if someone is **caught** in a **sin**, you who live by the **Spirit** should **restore** that person **gently**. But watch **yourselves**, or you also may be **tempted**. Carry each other’s **burdens**, and in this way you will **fulfill** the **law** of **Christ**.”

—Galatians 6:1–2



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