

**Series "Fixed On 66"**  
**"Galatians"**  
**Book-48**

**Key Passage: Galatians 2:20; Galatians 5:1**

**Galatians was the first Epistle written by the Apostle Paul.** It presents the most vital New Testament message concerning "***Faith Versus Works for Salvation.***"

**There Are 4 Views of Salvation:**

- 1. Salvation comes by grace: Placing your faith in Jesus.**
- 2. You inherit salvation: (hereditary) Born into a Christian home.**
- 3. Salvation comes through works: You must earn God's favor.**
- 4. Salvation is a combination of faith and works: This was the situation in which these believers were being led astray into mixing grace and works.**

**Galatians** is an Epistle or letter of **Doctrine**. Which means "*Systematic or thorough approach to teaching.*"

**"Doctrine"** (The word appears **51 times in the Bible.**)

**The Author: The Apostle Paul (1:1 & 10:1).** Though his name only appears **two times**, first-person pronouns are used 104 times. **Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle**

The only NT Epistle or portion of Scripture that Paul wrote with his own hand.  
**Galatians 6:11**

**When Written:** 49 AD

**Where it was Written:** Antioch. It was after Paul's first missionary visit (**Acts 14:26-28**). It was before the counsel of **Acts 15**.

**Written To: Galatians 1:2 To the churches of Galatia.**

Names of the Cities: Antioch in Pisidia (Acts 13:14-50), Iconium (Acts 13:51 - 14:5), Lystra (Acts 14:6), Derbe (Acts 14:6)

**Visited again by Paul on his second and third Missionary Journeys (Acts 16:1-6; 18:23).**

**Background:** This letter differs from the other letters that Paul writes in that he does not begin with a greeting and blessing of the Lord but gets right into defending the gospel.

**Purpose:** (To confront the notion that "The Cross is not sufficient; one needs to supplement with works.)

1. To rebuke the Galatians for being easily swayed from the truth (1:1-9)
2. To refute the attack on his Apostolic authority (1:10 - 2:21)
3. To re-establish the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith alone (3:1 - 4:31)
4. To remind the Galatians of the freedom they have in Christ (5:1 - 6:18)

**Theme:** "Christian Liberty." It is called "The Charter of Christian Liberty." It deals with our justification by faith. Freedom through the Spirit! "No Other Gospel"

**Key Words:** Law of Moses 30 times, Faith 26 times, in Christ 23 times, Spirit 19 times, Holy Spirit 14 times, Works 8 times.

**Key Chapter:** Galatians 5 The power of the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit.

**Key Passage:** Galatians 2:20; 5:1

**Outline:**

**Galatians 1-2 Gospel of Grace Defended (Personal)**

**Galatians 3-4 Gospel of Grace Explained (Doctrinal)**

**Galatians 5-6 Gospel of Grace Applied (Practical)**

**Galatians 1-2 Gospel of Grace Defended (Personal)**

**Galatians 1:1-10 Paul's Passion for The Gospel:**

**Galatians 1:1-2 Paul's Calling: Galatians 1:1 Paul, Latin – "little, or small," an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),**

**2 To the churches of Galatia:** Antioch, Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe

**Galatians 1:3-5 Paul's Christ: Galatians 1:3-4**

**who gave Himself for our sins, - This is called "Substitutionary Death"**

**that He might deliver us out of this present evil age,**

**"Will of God," was used 434 times.**

**Galatians 1:5 to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.** God receives the glory! Works, man receives the glory.

### **Galatians 1:6-7 Paul's Concern: Galatians 1:6**

Paul skips his regular intro and gets right to the point because of the spiritual danger at stake!

**I am amazed** is a transition from speaking about the true gospel to speaking of a false gospel.

**God's servants have always held a tool in one hand and a weapon in the other. (Nehemiah 4:17-18)** We need to evangelize and warn all at the same time. We need both!

**amazed** - the concept "*to look at, to stare, to wonder.*"

**that you are so quickly deserting Him** "*to change sides, or exchange, in the process.*" They had not crossed over yet, so Paul thought that he could reason with them and stop them! **for a different gospel;**

### **Galatians 1:7**

**which is really not another;** "*not another of the same kind*"

**When works are added to faith as the basis of divine justification, the gospel has been changed. Matthew 5:20**

**Galatians 1:8-9 Paul's Curse: Galatians 1:8 contrary to what we have preached to you,** - This message had been already consistently preached by Paul—Death, Burial, Resurrection.

**Accursed:** Greek anathema "*dedicated to destruction.*"

**The standard of judgment of true or false is the message of redemption is by grace alone:** (Ask the question, "Where is the Gospel?")

**Galatians 1:9 he is to be accursed! (Mormons, JW's, Word-Faith, Prosperity, Mason's, Islam, Hinduism)**

**Galatians 1:10 Paul's Commitment: Galatians 1:10 (Preach Jesus you will experience conflict, no friend of man.)**

**Galatians 1:11-17 Paul's Calling from God:**

**Verses 11-12 Paul Says 4 Things About This Gospel:**

**Galatians 1:11 preached by me is not according to man.**

1. **Not According to Man: not according to man. (Not a human standard)**

**Galatians 1:12**

2. **I Neither Received it From Man: I neither received it from man, (Not from any human source)**
3. **Nor Was I Taught It: nor was I taught it, - I did not have to learn it from human teachers so that I could, in turn, teach it to others.**
4. **I Received It Through A Revelation Of Jesus Christ: but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.** It was revealed by Jesus Christ.

**Gal 1:1**

**Galatians 1:18-2:10 Paul's Confirmation Through the Apostles:**

**Galatians 2:1-4**

**Galatians 2:5-6** (Peter, James, and John, inner circle)

**(what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)**— Paul says this because the Judaizers were boasting about how these apostles were the inner circle of Jesus' disciples.

**Galatians 2:7-10**

**Galatians 2:11-17 Paul's Confrontation with Peter: Galatians 2:11-17**

We misrepresent Jesus Christ! This was a big thing!

**Galatians 2:18-21 Paul's Crucifixion with Christ: Galatians 2:18-21**

You can't have it both ways. Either it is by grace through faith, or it is by works through human effort.

## **Galatians 3-4 Gospel of Grace Explained: (Doctrinal)**

**Galatians 3:1-5 The Personal Argument: Galatians 3:1 bewitched –** *"to fascinate, to cast a spell."* This is what we call a **"Rhetorical Question."** Paul knew who it was that had led them astray. Some false teachers had crept in.

### **Galatians 3:2-3**

**J.B. Phillips** says, "O you dear idiots of Galatia, surely you can't be so idiotic?"

### **Galatians 3:4-5**

Striving, the works of the flesh, the programs, and gimmicks that people in the church use and have used.

### **Galatians 3:6-25 The Scriptural Argument: Galatians 3:6-14**

### **Galatians 3:22-25**

### **Galatians 3:26-4:7 The Practical Argument: Galatians 3:26-29**

### **Galatians 4:8-20 The Sentimental Argument: Galatians 4:1-7**

### **Galatians 4:12-16**

This happens all the time; People get upset with the pastor because the Word gets personal. Instead of dealing with our sins before God, we get mad at people!

### **Galatians 4:17 They eagerly seek you, not commendably,**

### **Galatians 4:18-20**

### **Galatians 4:21-31 The Allegorical Argument: Galatians 4:21-24**

## **Galatians 5-6 Gospel of Grace Applied: (Practical)**

We now have the walk portion of the letter. Paul has built the case that it is either works or grace. You can't have it both ways. The way of grace and liberty is described in the last two chapters.

**Galatians 5:1,13 Liberty: Galatians 5:1, 13**

**Galatians 5:2-12 Legalism: Galatians 5:2-7**

**Galatians 5:13-15 Love: Galatians 5:13-15**

**Galatians 5:16-26 Living: Galatians 5:16-26**

**Galatians 6:1-10 Lifting: Galatians 6:1-2** The spiritual or mature ones are ever setting the broken bones of others.

**Galatians 6:3-10**

**Galatians 6:11-18 Paul's Postscript to The Gospel: Galatians 6:11**  
**See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.**

The original letter was written by Paul himself. This message was so important.

**Galatians 6:12-18**

### **Application:**

1. If We Were To Die This Night, Where Would We Spend Eternity? Would It Be Heaven Or Hell?
2. What Are We Basing Our Going To Heaven Upon? Because Of What Jesus Did For Me!
3. If We Said Anything About That We Have Tried To Be Accepted, Or That We State Some Actions We Have Done, We Are Wrong.

The Good News: We Can Be Justified And Forgiven By God Only On The Basis Of His Grace Through Faith In Jesus Christ.

The Bad News: If We Are Putting Our Faith In Our Works And Actions We Will Be Rejected By God.