



GALATIANS

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GALATIANS - INTRODUCTION

To begin your study of Galatians, turn to the Appendix and take out the Galatians study worksheets, which are the text of Galatians typed out and double-spaced. This will make it easy for you to underline, circle, and write on as you study. Use your own Bible to look up cross-reference verses. (The worksheets provided in this study are the NASB version. You can make your own worksheets in the version you prefer by typing them out or by using Bible software that allows you to print out the text for study.)

For each lesson, simply read the instructions one by one and do what they say. You will find the questions to be very factual and the answers easy to find right from the text. No need to read ahead, just follow the questions step by step and you will unearth the rich depths of God's powerful Word as you go!

And please don't allow yourself to get discouraged; you don't have to "get it all" right away. Just do the best you can. Set your timer for 15-20 minutes each day: pray, think, and study hard. Then praise God for all He has shown you!! (If you get behind pick up where you should be – you can always go back and do the rest later.) Remember, Satan—the enemy of your soul—will try to discourage you, persuade you that it is too hard, or convince you that other things are more important. Don't let him! Fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith. He will help you by the power of His Spirit for the glory of His Name. (Hebrews 12:2-3)

If you want to take your study to a deeper level, challenge yourself to do the optional shaded *Go Deeper* sections. They will guide you further into understanding as you spend extra time on observations, explore additional Scripture passages, and do Greek word studies. The rewards will be immeasurable.

And don't forget to really enjoy spending time at your Lord's feet and listening to Him through His Word. Oh, beloved child of the King, He has so much to say to you and to do in you. Listen intently, hear willingly, and obey quickly.

Now GET EXCITED!! The Lord has great things in store for you and you will never be the same!

Who did Paul say would be accursed? What is the relationship between the Law and grace? What did circumcision have to do with it? Find out as you begin your journey into this powerful, life-changing study in the book of Galatians.

"An astronomer was once exploring, on a clear night, the surface of the moon. His telescope, as he thought, was in perfect order. A new lens had recently been inserted in the tube. With his splendid lens he hoped to make discoveries not seen by any astronomer before him. He was not at first disappointed. He distinctly saw living inhabitants in the moon. He rubbed his eyes with astonishment, and again gazed, and gazed again, with trembling rapture. He certainly saw moving creatures walking with gigantic strides over the valleys and mountains.

At last the mystery was solved. One side of his new lens had not been cleansed. Upon it were a few infinitesimal insects, which, magnified, looked like strange animals, unlike any known to earth. When the lens was rubbed clean, the strange animals vanished.

The principle holds good in the study of the Word of God. Grave errors are foisted into the sacred pages, and hidden truths remain hidden, for the want of undistorted vision in the looker-on."

(Hints on Bible Study, by John Wattles & Co. 1897)

GALATIANS - OVERVIEW

The first step is to gain a broad, general understanding of the book as a whole. This is called an overview. The overview will help you discover the setting, occasion and purpose of the book and give you a solid foundation on which to build your in-depth study of each chapter afterwards.

At this point, it is like the fly-over from the plane where you look down and see the forest, lakes, and buildings. You don't see what's in them until you land. In the same way, you are going to take a look at the general makeup of the book. Then, in following weeks, you will "land" and look at the details.

Begin by finding a quiet place where you will not be disturbed. Ask the Lord to give you clarity and insight then read through the whole book of Galatians in one sitting. You do not have to understand it all right now. The goal is to simply become familiar with it.

The book of Galatians is a letter; therefore, it must have an author and recipients, also known as the audience of the letter. To begin your overview, see what you can learn about the author and audience from the book of Galatians.

1. According to Galatians 1:1-5
 - a. Who is the author?
 - b. To whom is he writing?

2. Read through Galatians again and underline or circle every reference to the author (I, we, me, my) in a distinctive color.

TIP: Pay careful attention when the author uses the words we or us; sometimes it is referring to believers in general and/or the recipients rather than specifically about the author himself.

3. Re-read the following passages to see what you learn about the author and summarize the basic facts. Look for facts such as: how he refers to himself, what he did, where he went, what happened to him etc. Be sure to include verse references:

Galatians 1:10-24; Galatians 2:1-2,7-8; Galatians 4:11-20; Galatians 6:11

- Next, read through the following passages and underline or circle every reference to the recipients in a distinctive color or way and summarize the plain and simple facts about them below:

Galatians 1:6-9,13; Galatians 3:1-5; Galatians 4:8-21, Galatians 5:1-12; Galatians 6:12

- There is another group of people to look at in Galatians. They are first mentioned in 1:7. Read through Galatians and circle every reference to these people then list the facts about them below:

- Read through Galatians one more time and pay attention to the repeated words and phrases throughout the book or in certain chapters. Write them in the space below. These will help you discover the topics and themes the author is concerned about in his letter.

GO DEEPER. Underline, highlight, or mark each repeated word or phrase in a distinct way.

Next in the overview process, you will discover the author's purpose for writing the letter.

- Keeping in mind all you have observed regarding the author, his concern for the recipients, the repeated words and the other people group you read about, read carefully through the text one more time.

What provoked or caused Paul to write what he did? Summarize his purpose for writing below:

Conclude your study this week by spending time in prayer and personal reflection so that you will know how to apply what you have learned. Read Galatians 1:3-5 and turn it into a prayer of praise and petition to your God to whom is the glory forevermore!

GALATIANS - CHAPTER ONE

You have completed your overview and have the big picture all laid out before you—it is time dig in to each chapter verse by verse. Start by reviewing all you have learned in your overview of Galatians. Then spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to give you wisdom and understanding as you study.

1. Read through chapter one at a fairly quick pace to get the general idea of what it is about.
2. Now read through chapter one again carefully to comprehend the details. While you read **circle every reference to the gospel.**
3. Read Galatians 1:1 and circle the words *not* and *but*. How does Paul refer to himself and what is the contrast he makes?

Think about it: Why is Paul making this contrast? How does it tie in to his purpose?

4. Read Galatians 1:3-5.
 - a. What did Jesus do and why?
 - b. Look up Colossians 1:13-14 and Ephesians 6:12 for additional insight.
5. Read Galatians 1:6-12 and answer the following questions:
 - a. Why was Paul amazed/astonished? (verse 6)
 - b. How were they called? (verse 6)
 - c. What were the false teachers doing to the gospel? (verse 7)
 - d. How serious was this? What strong warning does Paul give? (verse 8-9)
 - e. What contrast does Paul make in verse 10 and how does he refer to himself?
 - f. What does he say about the gospel in verses 11-12? How does this relate to verse 1?

As we see in Galatians, the **accuracy** of the gospel message is crucial. All of eternity is at stake! Look up the following cross references to learn about the true gospel message:

6. According to Romans 1:16 why is the gospel important?

7. Paul also wrote a letter to the Corinthians in which he reiterates the basic truths of the gospel. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 carefully—as you read circle the word *that*. Now list each of the four points following “that” in the text:
 - A
 - B
 - C
 - D

Think about it: Look carefully at your list above in question 7. What are the **two main points** of the gospel, and how do the other two support the main points?

8. Now read Luke 24:44-48 and observe the **main points** of the gospel in these verses. Note who is speaking and any **additional key points** that should be part of the gospel message:

9. Compare the passage you just read with Acts 17:30-31 and Acts 26:19-20.

10. What does Paul call the gospel in Acts 20:24? (Compare this with Galatians 1:3 and 6)

11. Finally, read Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:23 and 6:23. Summarize what you learn:

Re-read Galatians 1:1, 11-24 to review all you learned about Paul in the overview.

12. Look up the following passages for additional insight into Paul’s history then briefly summarize what you learn. Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-22; 22:1-21; 26:4-20.

Think about it: Why did Paul remind the Galatians of his history? Why was it so important to know how he received the gospel and how he was sent?

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GALATIANS - CHAPTER TWO

Before you begin review all you have already learned in your study of Galatians. Then spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to give you wisdom and insight as you study.

1. Read through chapter two to get the general idea of what it is about.
2. Now read through chapter two again slowly and carefully to comprehend the details. As you read **underline or circle the following words: gospel, circumcised, Law.**
3. Review Galatians 2:1-10 then answer the following questions:
 - a. Where did Paul go? Who went with him?
 - b. What did Paul do there? (verse 2)

GO DEEPER. Read Acts 15 to learn more about the events Paul was describing.

- c. In Galatians 2:4 what do you learn about the false brethren?
- d. How does Paul respond to the false brethren and why? (verse 5)
- e. What was the result of Paul's meeting with the apostles? (6-10)

Think about it: *How were the other apostles regarded compared to Paul? What did Paul say about it? How does this apply in the church today?*

4. Read Galatians 2:11-14. Who did Paul rebuke and why? (See John 1:40-42)
5. Read Acts 10 for additional insight. Briefly summarize what you learn:

6. According to Galatians 2 verses 5 and 14 what was Paul concerned about?

Think about it: What was at stake? Are you willing to fight for it?

7. Re-read Galatians 2:15-21 and circle the word justified.
8. In verse 16, Paul was reminding them of what they knew about being justified—what was it and who was he addressing?

GO DEEPER. Use your Greek Word Study tools to look up the word justified and briefly note what you learn:

9. What false line of reasoning did Paul refute in verses 17-18?
10. How does Paul answer those who may think that being justified by Christ and not being under the Law would lead to licentiousness? (verses 19-21)
11. What do you learn about the Son of God in verse 20? Compare this with Galatians 1:4.
12. Look up the following verses for additional insight: Romans 3:9-28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9; Romans 6:5-7.

Conclude your study this week by spending time in prayer and personal reflection so that you will know how to apply what you have learned. Read Galatians 2:20 and turn it into a prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

GALATIANS - CHAPTER THREE

Before you begin review all you have already learned in your study of Galatians. Then spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to give you wisdom and insight as you study.

1. Read through chapter three to get the general idea of what it is about.
2. Now read through chapter three again slowly and carefully to comprehend the details. As you read **underline or circle the following words: gospel, faith, Law, Spirit.**
3. Read Galatians 3:1-5 again—think about Paul’s questions then answer the following:
 - a. What is Paul’s tone/attitude?

- b. What does Paul call the Galatians?

GO DEEPER. Use your Greek Word Study tools to look up this word and note what you learn:

- c. What does Paul remind them of regarding Jesus? (vs1)
 - d. What rhetorical question does he ask in verse 2? Compare with Ephesians 1:13-14.
 - e. What point is Paul making in verses 3-5? Note what is being contrasted.

***Think about it:** Why this attitude? Why is Paul asking all these questions? If you are not sure look back at what you learned in your overview.*

4. Read Galatians 3:6-9 and note what you learn about Abraham and what you learn about the Gentiles. (Look up Genesis 15:1-6 to see the OT quote Paul uses in context.)

GO DEEPER. Read Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-21 & 17:1-11 to learn more about Abraham.

5. Read Galatians 3:10-14 then answer the following questions:
 - a. What do you learn about those who rely on keeping the law? (vs 10) Also, read Deuteronomy 27:26 and James 2:10.
 - b. What point does Paul make about the Law and faith in verses 11-12?
 - c. List what you learn about Jesus in verses 13-14: What He did, how and why?

***Think about it:** Note how many times Paul quotes the Old Testament. Why did he?*

6. Read Galatians 3:14-29. As you read underline the words **promise** and **Abraham**. What two covenants are being contrasted? (See Genesis 15:18 and Exodus 19:3-6)
7. In verse 15, Paul uses an example from everyday life to illustrate the nature of an irrevocable covenant. What point does he make?
8. In verses 16-18 what do you learn about the promise and the Law? See Genesis 22:18.

***GO DEEPER.** Read Genesis 15:13-14 and Exodus 2:23-25; 3:7-10; 12:40-41; 34:27-28.*

9. What do you learn about the Law in verses 19-25? Why was it given? Also read Romans 3:9-20.
10. Read Galatians 3:26-29 and circle **you** / **all**. List what you learn about “*you all*”.

***Think about it:** Why did Paul bring up Abraham and the covenant?*

Conclude your study this week by spending time in prayer and personal reflection so that you will know how to apply what you have learned.

GALATIANS - CHAPTER FOUR

Before you begin review all you have already learned in your study of Galatians. Then spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to give you wisdom and insight as you study.

1. Read through chapter four to get the general idea of what it is about.
2. Paul is continuing his rebuke from chapter three. Go back and read 3:1-5, 26-29 to put yourself into context. Then read through chapter four again slowly and carefully to comprehend the details. As you read underline the words **slave**, **free** and **promise**.
3. In both chapters, three and four, Paul brings up Abraham and the promise. From all you have studied so far, what is the promise? How does he refer to those who inherit the promise? (3:29, 4:7)

Paul has been contrasting and comparing both the Jews and Gentiles and the two covenants.

4. What illustration does Paul use in 4:1-3? (Compare this with 3:23-25.) What condition were both Jews and Gentiles in?
5. Read 4:4-7 and list what God did, when, why. Also note the result; what is received and what is the new condition? (Compare this with 3:14, 26-29)
6. In Galatians 4:8-11 what was Paul rebuking them for and what was his fear?

7. Read Galatians 4:12-20 paying special attention to Paul's tone and attitude. (It may be helpful to read these verses in a different Bible versions.) Then answer the following:
 - a. What was Paul's plea? (vs 12 Also read Philippians 3:1-11 & 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.
 - b. What did Paul remind them of (12-15), and how did this relate to his concern (vs 16)?

GO DEEPER. Read Proverbs 9:7-9; 15:31; 25:12 and 27:6 for additional insight.

- c. Who is Paul talking about in verse 17? (Check Galatians 1:7)
 - d. What two objectives did these people have for eagerly seeking the Galatians? (vs 17)
 - e. How did Paul feel about what was going on? (verses 18-20)
8. Read Galatians 4:21-31 where Paul contrasts the two covenants again.
 - a. For review, what were the two covenants? (See chapter three question 6)
 - b. What events of the past did Paul use as an allegory to symbolize these covenants?
 - c. Read the following passages in Genesis to review what happened with Abraham:
Genesis 15:1-4; 16:1-4; 16:15-16; 17:15-21; 21:1-12
 - d. What point did Paul make in verse 29?
9. Go back through the following passages to review Paul's argument up to this point in your study. Galatians 1:6-9; 2:15-16; 3:3; 3:26-29; 4:6-7; 4:31.

Think about it: *How important was truth to Paul? Did he genuinely care about the Galatians? Is it easy to speak out against wrong doctrine and risk alienation?*

Conclude your study this week by spending time in prayer and personal reflection so that you will know how to apply what you have learned. Read Galatians 4:16 and pray to have the heart of Paul when it comes to speaking the truth.

GALATIANS - CHAPTER FIVE

Before you begin, spend a few minutes in prayer asking for wisdom and insight as you study.

1. Read through chapter five to get the general idea of what it is about.
2. Now read through chapter five again slowly and carefully to comprehend the details. As you read underline or circle the following words: **freedom, circumcision, Spirit**.
3. Do a quick review to put yourself into context.
 - In Galatians 3:1 Paul begins his rebuke because false teachers were trying to persuade them to _____
 - He uses the following contrasts:
 - Law versus _____ (Galatians 3:2, 21)
 - Slaves versus _____ (Galatians 4:7)
 - Sinai covenant versus _____ (Galatians 3:17, 4:24)
 - His conclusion in 4:31 is _____

Read John 8:32-36 for additional insight and summarize what you learn:

4. Read Galatians 5:1 and circle the word **therefore**. Look carefully at Paul's exhortation.
 - a. What are they to do?
 - b. What are they not to do?
 - c. You previously looked up Colossians 1:13. Read it again and list what God did. How does this tie in to Paul's exhortation in Galatians 5:1?

5. Read Galatians 5:2-6 where Paul summarizes up all he has been saying.
 - a. What warning does he give in verse 4?
 - b. What does he say about circumcision?

6. Read Galatians 5:7-12 and use the chart below to summarize what Paul says:

About the Galatians	About the False Teachers	About Himself

In Galatians 5:13 we see a change as Paul switches from a defense to the result of justification.

7. Read Galatians 5:1 then 5:13-26—as you read circle the words **not**, **but** and **flesh**.
- According to verses 13-15 how are you to use/not use your freedom?
 - Look up Romans 6:1-2; 7:6; 8:1-4—how do these verses affirm Paul’s point?
 - Galatians 5:16 is one of the most important verses in the Bible! If you do what, then what will not happen?
 - What do you learn about the Spirit and flesh in verses 17-18? Compare this with Romans 8:5-17.
 - Use the chart to list the facts in verses 19-26:

Deeds of the flesh	Fruit of the Spirit

8. What sober warning does Paul make in verse 21?

Think about it: Does God mean what He says, and say what He means? Does it matter how you live? Look up 1 John 3:4-10 and Matthew 7:18-20.

Conclude your study time this week by spending time in prayer and personal reflection so that you will know how to apply what you have learned.

GALATIANS - CHAPTER SIX

Before you begin, spend a few minutes in prayer asking for wisdom and insight as you study.

1. Read through chapter six to get the general idea of what it is about.
2. Now read through chapter six again slowly and carefully to comprehend the details. As you read underline or circle the following words: **circumcision, Spirit and flesh.**
3. To review the context of chapter six, go back and read Galatians 5:13, 16-17, 25. Summarize Paul's point:

4. Read Galatians 5:25-6:5.
 - a. What three things does Paul say not to do in 5:26?

 - b. According to 6:1 what is the correct response when a brother or sister in Christ sins? Note who is to do what and how? What is the danger to beware of?

 - c. What attitude should believers have toward one another and about themselves? (verses 2-5) Compare this with Galatians 5:14 and 2 Corinthians 5:9-10.

GO DEEPER. Read Philipians 2:1-8, Romans 12:3, and 1 Corinthians 4:7 for additional insight.

5. Read Galatians 6:6-10. As you read underline the word **not**.
 - a. What responsibility do those who are taught have? (verse 6) How does this tie in with bearing one another's burdens?
 - b. What do you learn about God?
 - c. What three things does Paul warn them not to do? (verses 7 & 9)
 - d. What do you learn about sowing and reaping?
 - e. Read Colossians 3:2 and Philippians 3:17-21. How do these verses relate?
 - f. What is the urgency in verse 10? How does this relate to verses 1-9?

Think about it: *Would it be easy to be a teacher of God's truth at that time?*

6. Read Galatians 6:11-18 where Paul concludes his exhortation. Watch for the contrasts between Paul and the trouble makers trying to disturb them (1:7)
 - a. Why were they trying to compel the Galatians to submit to circumcision?
 - b. What was the contrast between their attitude toward the cross and Paul's?
 - c. What is the only thing that matters? (verse 15) Also read 2 Corinthians 5:11-17.
 - d. What has it cost Paul to stand firm and preach the true gospel? (verse 17) Compare this with Philippians 1:12-21.
 - e. What is Paul's blessing in verse 16 and 18?

Think about it: *What does it mean to "walk by this rule" in 6:16? How is the gospel being distorted today? Who do you know that is in danger of being deceived? Are you walking by the Spirit? All of eternity is at stake! Are you willing to warn others?*

Galatians Text

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GALATIANS CHAPTER ONE

1. PAUL, 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. and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:
3. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
4. who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
5. to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.
6. I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;
7. which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.
8. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!
9. As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!
10. For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men?
If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.
11. For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.
12. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.
13. For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it;

14. and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions.
15. But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased
16. to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,
17. nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.
18. Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days.
19. But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother.
20. (Now in what I am writing to you, I assure you before God that I am not lying.)
21. Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
22. I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ;
23. but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy."
24. And they were glorifying God because of me.

GALATIANS CHAPTER TWO

1. THEN after an interval of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also.
2. It was because of a revelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be running, or had run, in vain.
3. But not even Titus, who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.
4. But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage.
5. But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you.
6. But from those who were of high reputation (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—well, those who were of reputation contributed nothing to me.
7. But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised
8. (for He who effectually worked for Peter in his apostleship to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles),
9. and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, so that we might go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.
10. They only asked us to remember the poor—the very thing I also was eager to do.
11. But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.
12. For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.

13. The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.
14. But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"
15. "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles;
16. nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.
17. "But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be!
18. "For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor.
19. "For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.
20. "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
21. "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

GALATIANS CHAPTER THREE

1. YOU foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?
2. This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?
3. Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
4. Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?
5. So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?
6. Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
7. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.
8. The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU.”
9. So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.
10. For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM.”
11. Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”
12. However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM.”
13. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”—
14. in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15. Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it.
16. Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.
17. What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.
18. For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.
19. Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.
20. Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one.
21. Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.
22. But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.
23. But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.
24. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.
25. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.
26. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
27. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
28. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
29. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

GALATIANS CHAPTER FOUR

1. NOW I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything,
2. but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.
3. So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.
4. But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,
5. so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
6. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”
7. Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.
8. However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods.
9. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?
10. You observe days and months and seasons and years.
11. I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.
12. I beg of you, brethren, become as I am, for I also have become as you are.
You have done me no wrong;
13. but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time;
14. and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself.
15. Where then is that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me.

16. So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?
17. They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out so that you will seek them.
18. But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner,
and not only when I am present with you.
19. My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you—
20. but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.
21. Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not listen to the law?
22. For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman.
23. But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the
son by the free woman through the promise.
24. This is allegorically speaking, for these women are two covenants: one
proceeding from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar.
25. Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present
Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.
26. But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.
27. For it is written,
“REJOICE, BARREN WOMAN WHO DOES NOT BEAR;
BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR;
FOR MORE NUMEROUS ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE
THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS A HUSBAND.”
28. And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise.
29. But as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted
him who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also.
30. But what does the Scripture say?
“CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON, FOR THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN
SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN.”
31. So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the free woman.

GALATIANS CHAPTER FIVE

1. It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.
2. Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.
3. And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.
4. You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
5. For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.
6. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.
7. You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?
8. This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you.
9. A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.
10. I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is.
11. But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished.
12. I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves.
13. For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
14. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

15. But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.
16. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.
17. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.
18. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.
19. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,
20. idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,
21. envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23. gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
24. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
25. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
26. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

GALATIANS CHAPTER SIX

1. BRETHREN, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.
2. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.
3. For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
4. But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.
5. For each one will bear his own load.
6. The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.
7. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.
8. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
9. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.
10. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.
11. See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand.
12. Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.
13. For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.
14. But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

15. For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.
16. And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them,
and upon the Israel of God.
17. From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the
brand-marks of Jesus.
18. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen