

The Book of Galatians

Outline

Key theme: Christian liberty in the grace of God.

Key verse: “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage again.” Gal. 5:1

Author: Paul

To Whom Written: The churches in southern Galatia founded on Paul’s first missionary journey (including Inconium, Lystra, Derbe), and Christians everywhere.

Purpose: To refute the Judaziers (who taught that Gentile believers must obey the Jew law in order to be saved), and to call Christians to faith and freedom in Christ.

Date written: About A.D 49, from Antioch prior to the Jerusalem council (A.D. 50)

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| I. Personal: Grace and the Gospel | (1&2) |
| A. Grace declared. | 1:1-10 |
| B. Grace demonstrated. | 1:11-24 |
| C. Grace defended. | 2:1-21 |
| II. Doctrinal: Grace and the Law. | (3-4) |
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| B. The scriptural argument. | 3:6-14 |
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| E. The sentimental argument. | 4:12-18 |
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| III. Practical: Grace and the Christian Life. | (5-6) |
| A. Liberty, not bondage. | 5:1-12 |
| B. The Spirit, not flesh. | 5:13-26 |
| C. Others, not self. | 6:1-10 |
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