

Galatians

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"the slave is a living tool and the tool is a lifeless slave"

-Aristotle-

Slavery to false teaching is the worst slavery

Are you a slave?



Ceremonial Religion

The Gentile Christians in Galatia were in this kind of religion before their conversion. Their worship was a constant effort to please the gods in order to escape their punishment. They worshipped tangible objects idols. They had many sacred rites and forms to be observed. They trusted in horoscopes and other signs to guide them. They had their sacred days and seasons and years.

Religion of Personal Experience

Remember that ceremonial religion emphasizes physical things in worship while the gospel emphasizes worship in the Spirit. You can see the conflict between these two types of religion in Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well (John 4).

Paul A. Pomerville, Galatians & Romans (Brussels: ICI, 1976), 96, 98

Paul versus Legalists

Legalists

"The one who does righteousness stores up life for himself with the Lord" *Psalms of Solomon* (about 50 BC)

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"Miracles, however, will appear at their own time to those who are being saved by their works" *Baruch* (about AD 100)

<u>Paul</u>

"Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ."

(Gal. 3:2 NLT)

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Significance of the DSS

NTB 183

MMT shows that Paul's opponents who taught salvation by the law were indeed real people.





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"works of the law" (Abegg's translation gives evidence for rabbinic belief in salvation by works, which Paul argues against in Galatians.)

How can you be free?



Why must salvation be by faith alone?

Let's Study Through Scripture

The Bible: Book by Book

Background



So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law Galatians 5:1 NLT





To Clip or Not to Clip?



Lev. 19:27– "Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or clip off the edges of your beard."



Leviticus 19:28

"Do not cut your bodies for the dead, and do not mark your skin with tattoos. I am the LORD." Are we living under law?



Should I obey the Sabbath?

What do you think?

How does the Law relate to us?

Does God require me to tithe? Can Christians eat blood (e.g., yong tau foo, blood pudding)?

Chapters in Galatians



- 1. **Jurning from true gospel**
- 2. Jypocrisy found in Peter
- 3. Example of Abraham's Faith

- 4. Law versus true liberty
- **5. Attitudes from Spirit's leading**
- 6. Win back erring believers

Barry Huddleston, The Acrostic Summarized Bible



Key Word: Justification

Galatians

Key Verse

"[We Jews] know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified" (Galatians 2:16).

Verses on Justificatio	n New Living Translation	New American Standard			
Romans 4:25	He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.	He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.			
Romans 5:16	And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins.	The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.			
Romans 5:18	Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.	So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.			



Summary Statement Paul defends his apostleship and justification by faith so that the Galatians would not seek salvation through adherence to the law.

Application

Do you add *any* other requirements for salvation except faith in Christ–baptism, tongues, good works? The logical result of justification by faith is godliness.

174b The Catholic View of Justification Those that die with more merit than is necessary for heaven have their extra merit credited to the Vatican treasury. This extra merit is then dispensed through indulgences and Masses to those suffering PO Box 940871, Plano, TX 75094 by Mike Gendron in Purgatory. Dying on or above this line sends There is no one righteous, not you straight to heaven. even one (Romans 3:10). Self Righteousness He saved us not because of **Venial Sins** righteous things we have done, but because of his mercy (Titus 3:5) Good Works & Water Baptism Sacraments Dying here sends you to Purgatory **Destined for Hell** ৵ Void of Grace **F.** Dying on this line **Mortal Sin** sends you straight to hell.

A Graphic View of Justification in the Roman Catholic Church



Why must salvation be by faith alone?

Paul gives 3 reasons

Paul versus the Judaizers

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	Judaizer's Attack	Paul's Defense	Issue
Chs. 1–2	"Paul teaches this doctrine by his own authority!"	"God called me and the 12 apostles affirmed this"	Biographical
Chs. 3–4	"This is a new teaching contrary to the OT!"	"Salvation has always been by faith, even in the OT"	Theological
Chs. 5–6	"Teaching faith alone will encourage a sinful lifestyle!"	"No, justification by faith naturally leads to godly living"	Practical

Justification by Faith

I. Jesus called Paul to teach salvation by faith (Gal 1–2).



Galatians 1

Paul's Biographical Argument (Gal. 1–2)

Paul defends apostleship

A Different Type of Salutation (1:1 NLT)



"This letter is from Paul, an apostle. I was not appointed by any group of people or any human authority, but by Jesus Christ himself and by God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead."

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Fall AD 49 (after first missionary journey)								



The Turning Away (Gal. 1:6-7 NLT)

"I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News ⁷but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ."



The Turning Away (Gal. 1:8-9 NLT)

"Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you. ⁹ say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed."

The Source of Paul's Teaching (1:12 NLT)

"I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ."

"...I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!"

The Source of Paul's Teaching (Acts 9:5b NLT)

The Source of Paul's Teaching (1:15-16 NLT)

"But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles. When this happened, I did not rush out to consult with any human being."


The Source of Paul's Teaching (1:17 NLT)

"Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to consult with those who were apostles before I was. Instead, I went away into Arabia, and later I returned to the city of Damascus."

Galatians 2

"In fact, James, Peter, and John, who were known as pillars of the church, recognized the gift God had given me, and they accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers. They encouraged us to keep preaching to the Gentiles, while they continued their work with the Jews."



Was Peter beyond rebuke? Could this "pillar" of the church sin publicly?

Paul rebuked Peter (2:11-12 NLT)

"But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. ¹²When he first arrived. he ate with the Gentile Christians, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision."

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Galatians 3

II. Salvation has always been by faith (Gal 3–4). The Centrality of the Cross B.C. A.D. Faith looks Faith looked forward to the back at the Cross of Christ Cross of Christ

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Paul defends justification by faith ()

Paul's Theological Argument (Gal. 3–4)

Which is the Most Accurate?

Salvation by...

OT Works NT Faith

Faith + Works

Faith Alone

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Faith + **Works**

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cf. OTS 121e

In Other Words...

Salvation has ALWAYS been through faith alone!



[God took Abraham] outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said, "So shall your offspring be."

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.



ROYAL LAND GRANT FORM OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

This painting inaccurately depicts Abram walking through the pieces

Galatians counters false teachers



Kingdom & Covenants Timeline

Kingdom Teaching...



Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

replaced at the cross (Rom, 7:1-6;1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant emphasis. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will again enjoy world prominence after trusting in Christ at His second coming.

"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes."

Galatians 3:26-27 NLT

"There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in **Christ Jesus**" (Gal. 3:28 NLT).



Galatians 4

Infant	Grown Son	1730	
Under guardian (Law)	Enjoys son-with-father relationship (redeemed)	Ceremonial vs. True Religion	
Status: like a slave with rights of sonship not realized	Status: son and heir with full rights given	(Gal. 4:1-7)	
Under bondage: external authority of the Law	Free: internal authority of the Spirit of God		
Immature: in elementary school of the Law with external motivation	Mature: in secondary school of the Spirit with internal motivation	Paul A. Pomerville, <i>Galatians &</i> <i>Romans</i> (Brussels: ICI, 1976), 95	

Covenant Contrasts in Galatians 4:21-31 ^{174a}

Law (24-25)	Abrahamic (28b; cf.3:16-18)
Ishmael (not specifically named	Isaac (28)
Hagar (24-25)	Sarah (not specifically named)
Slave (22a, 24b, 31a)	Free (22b, 26a, 31a)
Ordinary (23a)	Of Promise (23b)
Sinai in Arabia (24)	Calvary (implied?)
Present Earthly (25b)	Future (?), Heavenly, Mother (26)
Children Not Under Promise (implied)	Children of Promise (28b)
Persecutor (29a)	Persecuted (29b)
Judaizers	Paul & True Evangelists
Works	Faith in Christ
Unsaved	Saved
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Freedom to go the wrong way?



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Galatians 5



GRACE

No more a license to sin than electricity is a license to electrocute yourself.

Paul's Practical Argument (Gal. 5–6)

> Paul defends responsibilities



"So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law" (5:1 NLT). "So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law" (Gal. 5:1 NLT).



"Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses. ⁴For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace" (5:2-4 NLT).
Walking in the Spirit





Are you surrendered to Chríst? Y

Galatians 6

Restore People in Sin

"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently."

Galatians 6:1

The word for "restore" in Galatians 6:1 refers in other contexts to fishermen mending nets

Restore nets

Don't make it your priority to restore nets!

Restore people!





GALATIANS 6:8

Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

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Main Idea of Galatians

Salvation by faith frees us from the Law to give freedom in Christ.



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Speaking in Tongues (Faith in Christ? No!) Salvation ! ? ! ?

Why do people like legalism?



Why do people like legalism?



- It gives us a tangible measure of where we stand.
- It puts confidence into our hands so we can get credit for our deeds.
- It makes decision-making easier with nearly everything being right or wrong.

Why do people like legalism?



Applying Galatians

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