



The Letter to the Galatians - Freed To Be Free.

Galatians 1:1-12 - No Other Gospel!

Main Theme:

Paul writes to the Galatian Christians to call and challenge them to stand and walk in the true freedom that they've been given in Christ, by grace through faith.

This letter was written around AD 50, after Paul's first missionary journey (see Acts 13 & 14).

Paul writes this letter to chasten the Galatian Christians for listening to teachers who came after Paul and who told them to follow the Jewish laws as well as Christ.

Overview:

Galatians: Freed to be Free

A unique Gospel	Made righteous by Faith	Freed to be Free
Chapter 1-2	Chapter 3-4	Chapter 5-6
Biographical	Doctrinal	Practical
The Message of the Apostle	The Redemption of Christ	The Walk By the Holy Spirit
The Gospel is true!	The Gospel is superior!	The Gospel is freedom!
Grace Defended	Grace Expounded	Grace Applied
Key Verse: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me." (Gal 2:20)	Key Verse: "And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" (Gal 4:6)	Key Verse: "For freedom, Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." (Gal 5:1)

Vs 1-5

- Vs 1 – Paul is an Apostle by divine appointment –
“..not from men or through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father.”
- He was personally met and appointed by the Lord Jesus (1 Cor 9:1; 15:8,9).
- Vs 3 – “Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Although 'grace' and 'peace' are common monosyllables, they are pregnant with theological substance. In fact, they summarize Paul's Gospel of salvation.”

John Stott, *The Message of Galatians*, (Leicester: InterVarsity, 1984), page 16

- Vs 4 - "He gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age"

Vs 6-9

- Vs 6 – You have deserting Christ and turning to another gospel!
- Jesus + the law = a gospel of works (see Acts 15:1).

“For Christianity begins not with a big do, but with a big done.

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- Vs 7-9 – Don’t accept any distorted or additional Gospel from them, us or angels! There is only ONE Gospel.
- Why is Paul so strong about this?
 - a) The glory and work of Christ is at stake.
 - b) The salvation of the Galatian Christians is also at stake.

Vs 10-12

- Vs 10 – Paul is a servant of Christ, not of men – neither seeking their approval or to please them.
- Vs 11-12 – Paul emphasizes that he received the Gospel by revelation from Jesus Christ.

**Where do you stand in relation to
our Lord Jesus Christ today?**