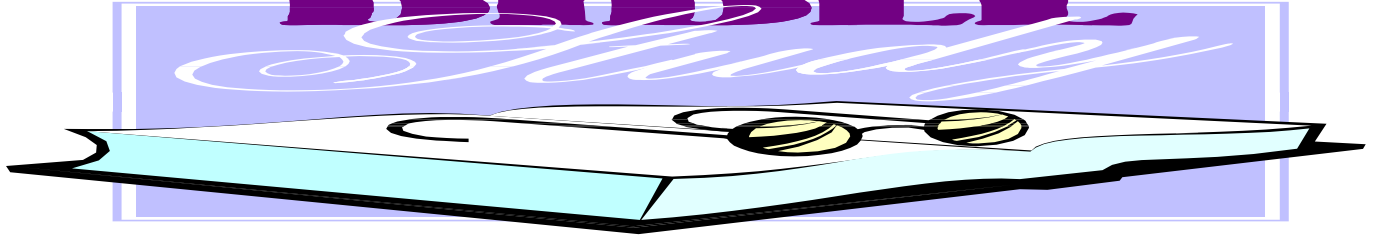


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**Topic:**  
**The Book of Galatians:**  
**An Outline**

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### **THE BOOK OF GALATIANS**

- Author:** Paul of Tarsus, the Missionary-Theologian and Apostle to the Gentiles
- Date:** Between A.D. 48 and 49, or A.D. 53 and 57, depending upon whether he wrote to the churches of northern or southern Galatia.
- Recipients:** Probably the churches of South Galatia, a Roman province, including Pisidia, Lycaonia, parts of Phrygia and Cappadocia, and Antioch, Lystra, Derbe, and Iconium, which Paul visited on his first and second missionary journeys.
- Purpose:** To lead the Galatians back to justification by faith alone by exposing the errors of a counterfeit gospel which combined salvation through Christ with procedures of the Mosaic law in Judaism
- Theme:** Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ

### **THE OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF GALATIANS**

- I. The Introduction [1:1-5]**
- II. The Gospel of God's Grace (1:6 - 2:21)**
- III. Our Salvation through Jesus Christ (3:11 - 4:31)**
- IV. Our Freedom through the Holy Spirit (5:1 - 26)**
- V. Our Ministry in and beyond the Church (6:1-10)**
- VI. Our New Life through Christ's Atonement (6:11-18)**

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## THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

### I. The Introduction (1:1-5)

- A. Paul's apostleship: a calling from God, not man (1:1)
- B. Paul's audience: the churches of Galatia (1:2)
- C. Paul's greeting: grace and peace from God (1:3)
- D. Paul's gospel: our salvation through Christ's atonement (1:4-5)

### II. The Gospel of God's Grace (1:6 - 2:21)

- A. The gospel challenged by Judaizers (1:6-9)
- B. The gospel revealed to Paul by Christ (1:10-24)
- C. The gospel acknowledged by other Apostles (2:1-10)
- D. The gospel vindicated against Peter's compromise (2:11-15)
- E. The gospel clarified by Paul: salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ (2:16-21)

### III. Our Salvation through Jesus Christ (3:11 - 4:31)

- A. Our salvation is by faith, not works. (3:1-14)
- B. Our salvation is through promise, not law. (3:15-22)
- C. Our salvation is for sonship, not slavery. (3:23 - 4:31)
  - 1. We are God's children through faith in Christ. (3:23 - 4:7)
  - 2. We are not to be led back into slavery to the law. (4:8-11)
  - 3. We are to be nurtured to maturity as God's children. (4:12-20)
  - 4. We are children in freedom, not servants in bondage. (4:21-31)

### IV. Our Freedom through the Holy Spirit (5:1-26)

- A. Freedom must not be lost through legalism. (5:1-12)
- B. Freedom must not be abused through license. (5:13-15)
- C. Freedom must come through the Holy Spirit. (5:16-26)
  - 1. When the Holy Spirit controls us we do not gratify the desires of the flesh. (5:16-21)
  - 2. When the Holy Spirit controls us we produce the fruit of the Spirit. (5:22-26)

### V. Our Ministry in and beyond the Church (6:1-10)

- A. Our ministry of restoring those who have fallen (6:1)
- B. Our ministry of sharing one another's burdens (6:2)
- C. Our ministry of serving humbly and faithfully (6:3-5)
- D. Our ministry of supporting pastors and teachers (6:6)
- E. Our ministry of sowing and reaping (6:7-8)
- F. Our ministry of helping those in the world (6:9-10)
- G. Our ministry of caring for those in the church. (6:10)

### VI. Our New Life through Christ's Atonement (6:11-18)

- A. Our new life through Christ's atonement is to be proclaimed in spite of persecution. (6:11-12)
- B. Our new life through Christ's atonement is the only thing about which we should boast. (6:13-14)
- C. Our new life through Christ's atonement is the only thing that really matters. (6:15-18)