

# The Epistle to the Galatians

“Freedom in Christ”

# Book of Galatians in the New Testament

<u>Gospel</u> (4)	<u>History</u> (1)	<u>Epistle</u> (21)	<u>Prophecy</u> (1)
Matthew	Acts	<u>Paul</u> (13)	Revelation
Mark		Romans	
Luke		1 and 2 Cor.	
John		<b>Galatians</b>	
		Ephesians	
		Philippians	
		Colossians	
		1 and 2 Thess.	
		1 and 2 Tim.	
		Titus	
		Philemon	
		<u>General</u> (8)	

# Time Period in NT History

Preparation for the Church / Life of Christ

Period 1

c. A.D. 1 – 30

( Matthew through John )

**Establishment of the Church**

Period 2

**c. A.D. 30 – 60**

**( Acts through Philemon )**

Latter Developments in the Church

Period 3

c. A.D. 60 – 90

( Hebrews through Revelation )

# Book Background

- **Title:** “Galatians” refers to the Christians who live in the area of “Galatia” (Asia Minor) – see Acts 16:6; 18:23; 1 Cor. 16:1; Gal. 1:2; 3:1; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 Pet. 1:1
  - Northern Galatia? The ethnic area of the Gauls in north-central Asia Minor
  - Southern Galatia? The provincial area of the Romans in south-central Asia Minor (Lyconia, Pisidia, Phrygia)
- **Authorship:** Paul (1:1; 5:2; 6:11)

# Book Background

- Audience: *“The churches of Galatia”* (1:2)
  - Northern Galatia? The churches would be unnamed churches established during Paul’s second or third preaching trip (Acts 16:6; 18:23).
  - Southern Galatia? The churches would be those established on Paul’s first preaching trip: Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe (Acts 13:13 – 14:23).
  - Paul had personally preached and established churches in this area (Gal. 4:12-15).

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- Audience: *“The churches of Galatia”* (1:2)
  - Paul preached *“throughout all the region”* (Acts 13:49) and *“the region round about”* (Acts 14:6).
  - Paul had performed miracles in this region which demonstrated his apostleship (Acts 14:3,8-10). He would later defend his apostleship in the book of Galatians (1:1).

# Book Background

- **Date:** c. A.D. 47-49 (churches established), c. A.D. 50 (epistle written)
- **Occasion:**
  - False teachers (Judaizers) came into the churches of Galatia and spread a perverted gospel of salvation by works of the Law (namely, circumcision), resulting in bondage (1:6-7; 2:4; 3:1; 4:9-10,17,20,21; 5:7-12; 6:12-13,17; see Acts 15:1,5,24)
  - Paul defends the true gospel of freedom in Christ against this false teaching (2:4; 4:21-31; 5:1,13)

# Paul's First Journey

Outbound ———  
Return ———



- Ascension & Pentecost A.D. 30
- Stephen Killed A.D. 34-35
- Great Persecution A.D. 35-36
- Saul Conversion A.D. 38-40
- Cornelius Conversion A.D. 39-40
- Herod Agrippa I dies A.D. 44
- Paul's 1st Journey A.D. 47-48
- Jerusalem Council A.D. 48-50
- Paul's 2nd Journey Begins A.D. 51
- Paul's 3rd Journey A. D. 52-53
- Paul to Ephesus A.D. 53
- Paul to Greece A.D. 56
- Paul Arrested in Jerusalem A.D. 58
- Paul imprisoned A.D. 58-60
- Voyage to Rome A.D. 60-61
- Paul in Rome A.D. 61-63
- Paul released A.D. 63
- Paul Travels A.D. 63-65
- Paul martyred A.D. 67-68
- Jerusalem Destroyed A.D. 70

## ACTS TIMELINE

All dates are approximate

● Recorded in Acts

● Secular History

# Book Background

## False Teachers (2:4)

- Perverted gospel from man
- Justification by works of the Law
- Bondage
- Fallen away
- Walk by the flesh
- Glory in the flesh

## Paul (1:1)

- True gospel from Jesus Christ
- Justification by faith in Jesus Christ
- Freedom
- Hope of righteousness
- Walk by the Spirit
- Glory in the cross

# Book Background

## The Apostasy in Galatia “ A Different Gospel” (1:6)

**Timing:** soon after Paul left (1:6)

**Charges:** Paul’s apostleship was man-made (1:1; 1:1-2:10) and Paul was also preaching circumcision (5:11)

**Teachers:** false brethren – Judaizers (2:4; 6:12)

**Doctrines:** justification is through the Old Law, OT feasts days and circumcision are binding (2:16,21; 4:10,21; 5:2-3)

**Results:** fooled (3:1); bondage (5:1); severed from Christ (5:4); hindered (5:7); led to fleshly ways (5:13-26); avoided persecution and brought glory to themselves (5:12-13)

# Keys to the Book

- Key verses: 2:4; 4:31; 5:1,13
- Key word: “freedom” (liberty in Christ) – the book of Galatians is the Christian’s “Declaration of Independence”

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## Five Elements Generally Found in Paul's Opening Salutations (Greetings)

1. Identification of the author: Paul (and others with him)
2. Identification of the recipient: church(es), individual(s)
3. Identification of divine persons: God and Jesus Christ
4. Identification of divine work: cross, resurrection, hope, life
5. Identification of divine blessing: grace, peace, mercy

# Apostleship of Paul

*“An Apostle ... Through Jesus Christ” (Galatians 1:1)*

## Jesus' Commission of Paul As An Apostle

Acts 9:15-17: But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: **for he is a chosen vessel unto me**, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will show him how many things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias departed, and entered into the house; and laying his hands on him said, Brother Saul, **the Lord, even Jesus, who appeared unto thee** in the way which thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mayest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:14-15,21: And he said, The God of our fathers hath appointed thee to know his will, and **to see the Righteous One**, and to hear a voice from his mouth. For thou shalt be a witness for him unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard ... And he said unto me, **Depart: for I will send thee forth far hence unto the Gentiles.**

Acts 26:16-17: But arise, and stand upon thy feet: **for to this end have I appeared unto thee, to appoint thee a minister and a witness** both of the things wherein **thou hast seen me**, and of the things wherein I will appear unto thee; delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, **unto whom I send thee...**

# Galatians 1

## Lessons for Today

- Christians are not “apostles,” but they are still commissioned by God to preach the gospel today (1:1; 2 Tim. 2:2; 4:2).
- New Testament Christians get their authority in religious matters, not from men, but from God (1:1; Mt. 21:25; Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:11)
- God displayed his great power in raising Jesus from the dead (1:1; Acts 2:24; Eph. 1:19-20). The same power will raise all mankind from the dead in the judgment day (Jn. 5:28-29).

# Galatians 1

## Lessons for Today

- Preaching the gospel and converting souls in a new area may involve great obstacles, great oppositions and great opportunities (1:2; Mt. 16:15; Mt. 28:19; Acts 1:8; 8:4; 13:2-3)
- “Grace” and “peace” are still part of the Christian’s life today (1:3; 2 Thess. 2:16-17).
- God is our heavenly “Father” and provides for all our needs (1:1,3; James 1:17).

# Galatians 1

## Lessons for Today

- Jesus Christ is our “Lord” and rules over us (1:3; Phil. 2:9-11).
- We desperately need to be delivered out of this “present evil world” by obedience to Jesus Christ (1:4; 2 Pet. 1:4; 2:18-20). We should be grateful and thankful for this deliverance.
- God must be given glory for his greatness and the great things he has done (1:5; Rom. 11:36).

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# Main Characters in Galatians

The Churches	The Apostle	The False Brethren
Quickly removing (1:6)	Marveled (1:6)	Trouble (1:7; see 5:10)
Foolish (3:1,3)	Afraid (4:11)	Perverting (1:7)
Bewitched (3:1)	United (4:12)	Anathema (1:8-9)
Unloving (5:13-15)	Telling the truth (4:16)	False brethren (2:4)**
Contentious (5:26)	In travail (4:19)	Secretive (2:4)
	Perplexed (4:20)	Bondage (2:4)
	Branded (6:17)	Zealously seek (4:17)
		Influential (5:8-9)
		Judged (5:10)
		Unsettling (5:12)
		Glory in flesh (6:12-13)
		Hypocritical (6:13)

\*\* Judaizing Christians, possibly from Jerusalem

## The Perverted Gospel in Galatia (1:7)

1. Troubles those who hear it (1:7; 5:12)
2. Curses those who preach it (1:8-9)
3. Brings into bondage those who accept it (2:4; 5:1)
4. Condemns those who practice it (2:11,14)
5. Justifies mankind by the works of the law (2:16; 4:21; 5:4)
6. Builds up again that which is destroyed (2:18)
7. Binds Jewish feast days (4:10)
8. Zealously seeks converts (4:17)
9. Binds circumcision as a condition of salvation (5:2-3)
10. Severs from Christ those who practice it (5:4)
11. Leads to a fleshly walk (5:14-26)
12. Glories in the flesh (5:12-13)

# Galatians 1

## Lessons for Today

- A Christian can quickly remove himself from the truth of the gospel if he is not careful (1:6).
- The many perverted gospels that exist today are different from the one, true gospel of Jesus Christ (1:7). Some perverted gospels today are: the faith-only gospel, the social gospel, the unity-in-diversity gospel, and the gospel of health and wealth.

# Galatians 1

## Lessons for Today

- Preaching another gospel other than the one, true gospel of Jesus Christ troubles people (1:7; Acts 15:25).
- Preaching another gospel other than the one, true gospel of Jesus Christ will result in being cursed by God (1:8-9).
- The truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ is found in the message, not the messenger. We must focus on the message, not the messenger when seeking to follow the one, true gospel of Jesus Christ (1:8-9).

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## Lessons for Today

- Like Paul, we must decide and be determined to please God, not men (1:10; 1 Thess. 2:4).

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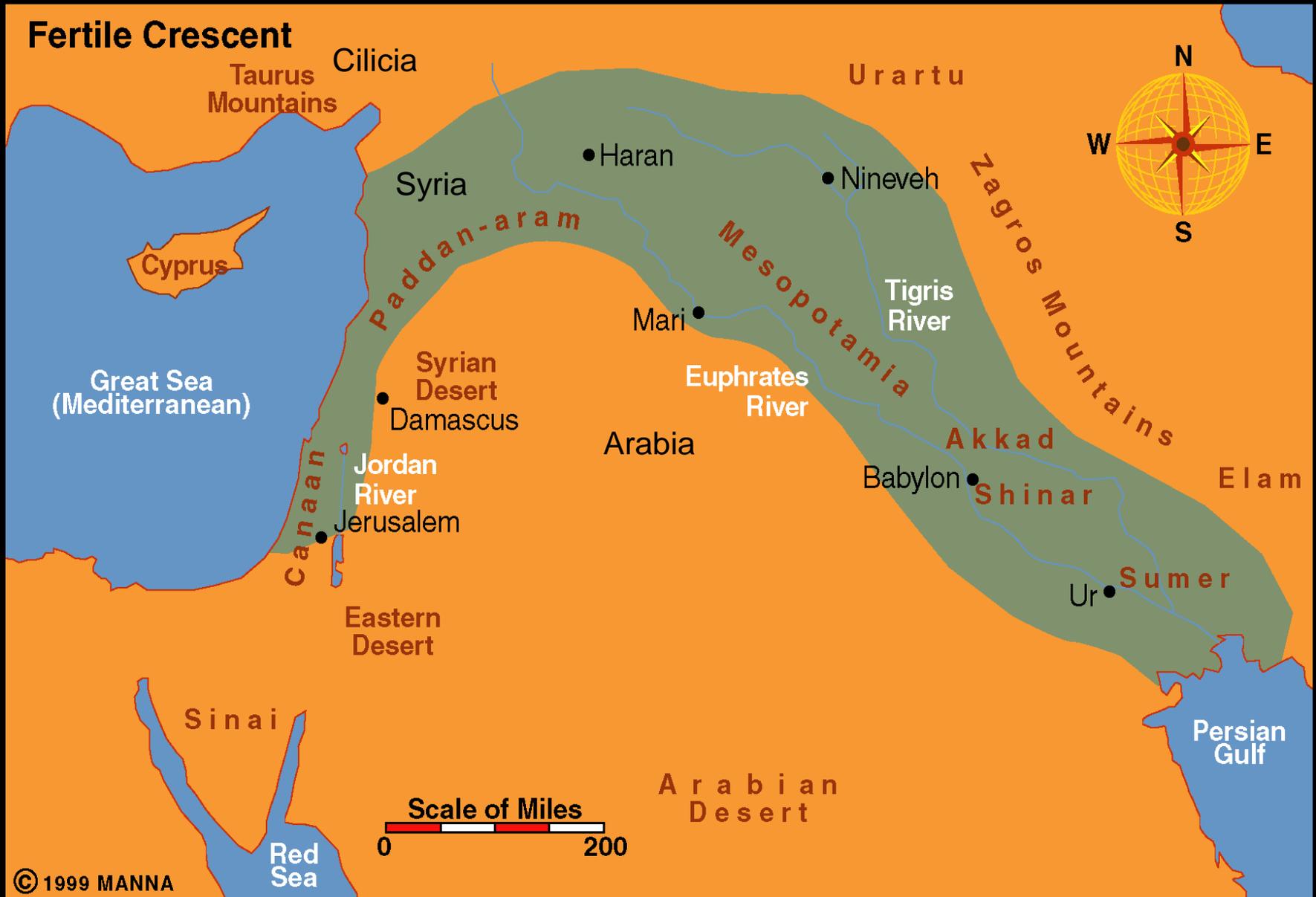
# A Brief Biography of Paul's Life

*Defense of Paul's Gospel and Apostleship  
in Galatians 1:11 – 2:10*

Luke's Record in Acts	Paul's Record in Galatians
1. Past life, conversion, Arabia, Damascus (9:1-25)	1. Past life, conversion, Arabia, Damascus (1:13-17)
2. Visit to Jerusalem (9:26-30)	2. Visit to Jerusalem (1:18-24)
3. Syria & Cilicia (9:30; 11:25)	3. Syria & Cilicia (2:21-24)
4. Visit to Jerusalem (11:30; 12:25)	4. ( not recorded )**
5. Visit to Jerusalem (15:1-29)	5. Visit to Jerusalem (2:1-10)

\*\* Paul does not record the trip to Jerusalem during the famine visit of Acts 11:30, because it does not fit the line of defense he is making in this section.

# Paul's Travels in Galatians 1:17-2:10



# Galatians 1

## Lessons for Today

- We do not receive revelations from Jesus like Paul did, but the gospel we preach must be the true gospel of Jesus Christ, not the false gospels of man (1:11-12).
- We are called by God like Paul; not by direct revelation, but by the gospel (1:15; 2 Thess. 2:14).
- People can make a drastic and dramatic change in their life and bring glory to God by it (1:23-24; 1 Tim. 1:12-16).

# Galatians 1

## Lessons for Today

- Preaching the gospel (1:11) is the same as preaching Jesus (1:16) and preaching the faith (1:23; Eph. 4:5; Jude 3)

# Galatians 2

## Lessons for Today

- We must run the Christian race faithfully so that our running will not be in vain (2:2; Gal. 5:7; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Phil. 2:16; 2 Tim. 4:7).
- False teachers often work privately so we must always be vigilant and on guard (2:4; Mt. 7:15; 28:29-30; Rom. 16:18; 2 Tim. 3:6; Jude 4).
- We must never let anyone rob us of our liberty in Christ through false teaching (2:4; Col. 2:18; Jas. 1:25)

# Galatians 2

## Lessons for Today

- Like Paul, we must not subject ourselves to false teaching for one moment and we must uphold the truth of the gospel (2:5; Jude 3).
- God is no respecter of persons (2:6; Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11).
- Like Paul, we must be zealous to remember the poor and do what we can to help them (2:10; Gal. 6:10).

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# Galatians 2

## Lessons for Today

- We must use the truth to rebuke sin even among those who are close to us (2:11,14; Lk. 17:3; 2 Tim. 4:2). We must be willing to personally confront sin in those who are close to us (2:11; Prov. 27:5-6; 28:23).
- We must not fear others around us and allow their influence to cause us to violate the truth of the gospel (2:12,14; Mt. 10:31; 1 Pet. 3:14). Consider how strong fear can be: Peter, on other occasions, stood up for Gentiles (Acts 10:34-35; 11:3,17; 15:6-11; Galatians 2:9), but not on this occasion because of fear.

# Galatians 2

## Lessons for Today

- The Christian who acts hypocritically stands condemned (2:11,14; Mt. 7:1-5). We must always have a love and faith “unfeigned” (Rom. 12:9; 2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 1:5; Jas. 3:17; 1 Pet. 1:22).
- Our life as a Christian, good or bad, will have an effect on others around us (2:13; 1 Tim. 4:12; Tit. 2:7). Otherwise good Christians like Barnabas can be negatively affected by our unfaithfulness.

# Galatians 2

## Lessons for Today

- Justification by faith in Jesus Christ does not exclude acts of obedience (2:16). For example, one must be baptized into Christ as an act of faith (3:26-27) and one must continue to have a faith that works through love (5:6).
- We must not build up again what God wants destroyed: the Old Law, sins, errors, worldly ways, etc. (2:18-19; 2 Cor. 10:4-5).

# Galatians 2

## Lessons for Today

- Our life as a Christian must be a life that is completely controlled by Christ and not by self or others (2:20; Rom. 8:10; Gal. 4:19).

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# “O Foolish Galatians”

Galatians 3:1,3

Statement of Paul in Galatians	Historical Reference of Luke In Acts
1. Jesus Christ openly set forth crucified (3:1)	1. When Paul preached Christ crucified (13:27-37, <u>38-39</u> ,44,48; 14:3,7,21,25)
2. Did you suffer so many things in vain? (3:4)	2. When they suffered at the hands of the Jews (14:2)
3. Works miracles among you (3:5)	3. When Paul worked miracles (14:3,8-10)

# Two Systems of Justification Contrasted

## Galatians 3:1-14

Justified by Works of the Law	Justified by Faith in Jesus Christ
1. Standard: Hearing of faith, gospel (3:2-5)	1. Standard: Works of the Law (3:2-5)
2. Action: Faith - “They that are of faith...” (3:6-9)	2. Action: Perfection - “He that doeth them...” (3:10-12)
3. Reward: Blessing, promise of Abraham (3:13-14)	3. Reward: Curse (3:10,13)

# Galatians 3

## Lessons for Today

- Christians are foolish to be led astray by false teaching and they can be easily tricked into believing false teaching (3:1; Rom. 16:17-18)
- The “hearing of faith” lets us know that faith comes by hearing (3:2,5; Rom. 10:17).
- We will be suffering in a vain as a Christian if we start off right but then follow after false teaching (3:6; Gal. 6:8-9).

# Galatians 3

## Lessons for Today

- We are “they that are of faith” when we are baptized into Christ (3:7,9; see 3:26-29).
- We can sing “I’m redeemed...” and “Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it...” because Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law having become a curse for us (3:13; Eph. 1:7).

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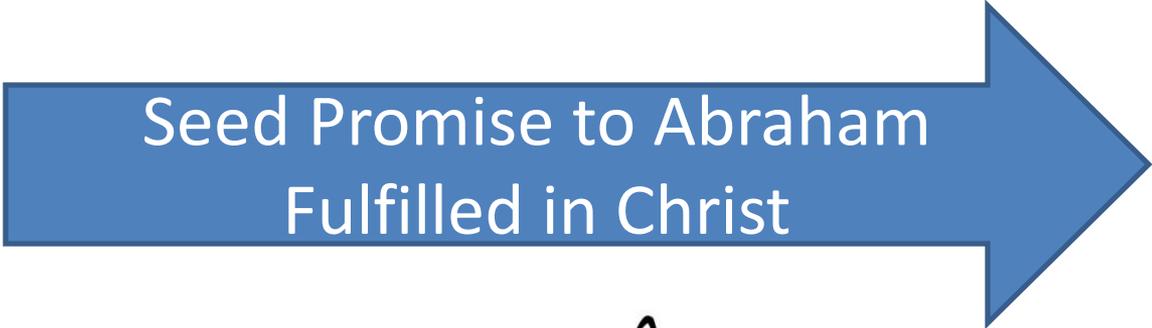
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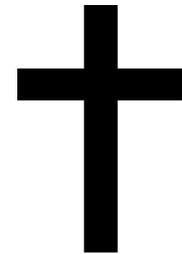
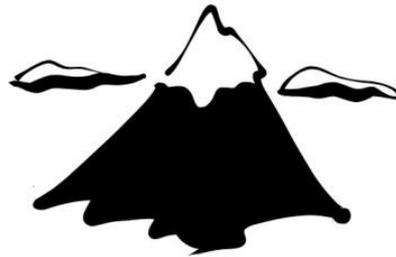
# The Law Did Not Disannul the Promise

( Galatians 3:15-18)

Seed Promise to Abraham  
Fulfilled in Christ



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Promise to Abraham

Genesis 12

Law of Moses

Exodus 20

Cross of Christ

Galatians 3

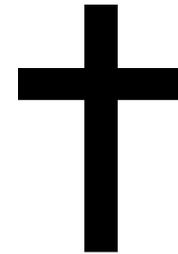
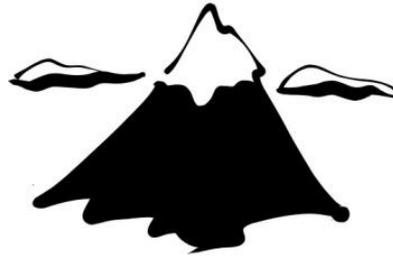
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# The Law Was Added Because of Transgressions ( Galatians 3:19-23)

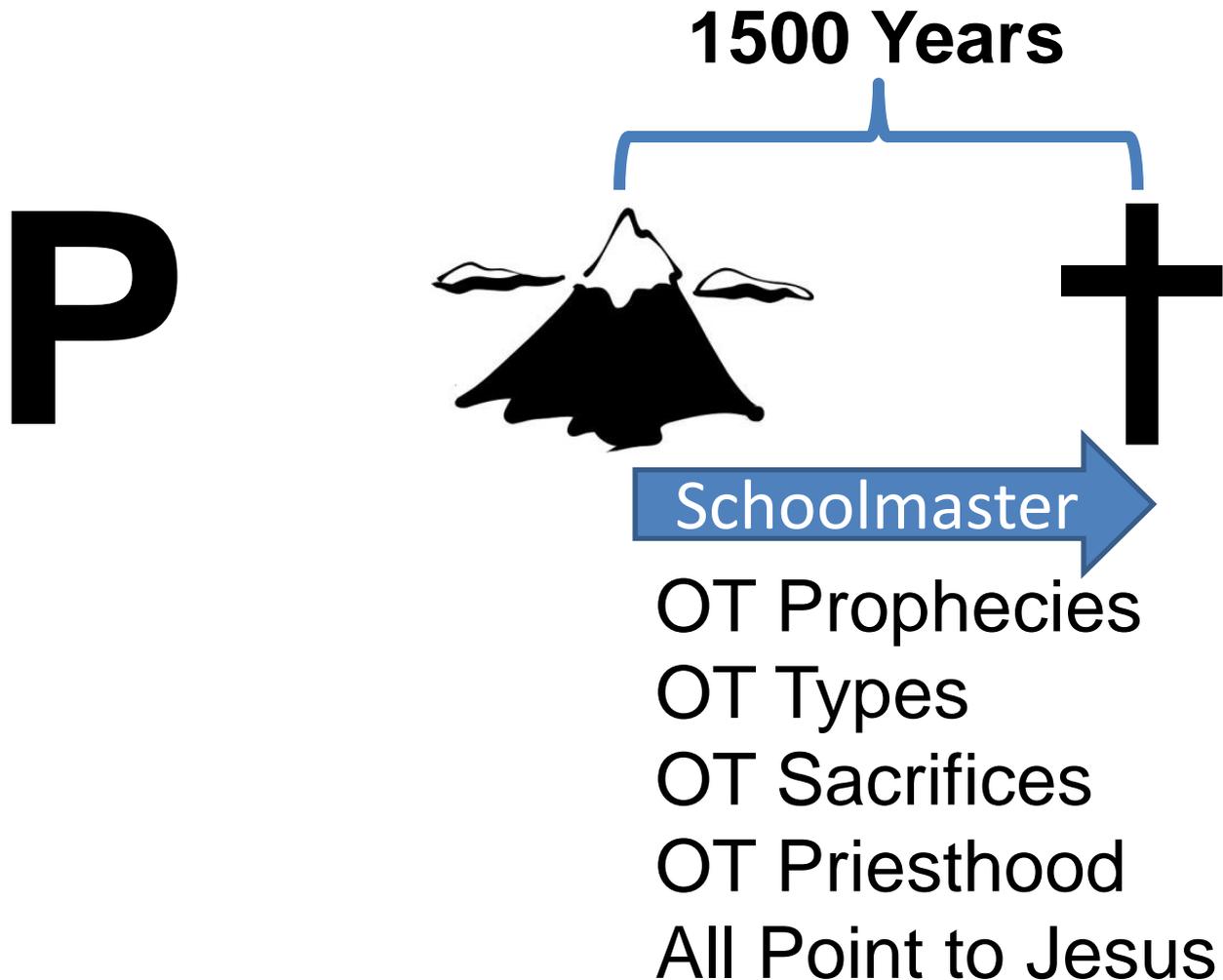
## The Law of Moses at Mt. Sinai

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Identified the sin  
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Confined mankind within sin  
Made the need for salvation clear

# The Law Was A "Schoolmaster" to Bring One to Jesus Christ ( Galatians 3:24-25)



# Justification by Faith Summarized

Galatians	Teaching
2:16	Justified by faith
2:20	Life lived in faith
3:2,5	Hearing of faith (see 1:16)
3:7-9,14	Example (Abraham) of faith
3:11	Righteous live by faith
3:12	Law is not of faith
3:14,22	Promise received by faith
3:23-24	Revelation of the faith
3:25	Now comes the faith
3:26	Sons of God through faith

# Galatians 3

## Lessons for Today

- We are not under the Old Law today (3:25; Rom. 7:6; Eph. 2:14; Col. 2:14; Heb. 10:9)
- Faith leading to baptism is necessary to become a son of God (3:26-27; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 8:12-13; 36-37; 18:8)
- Baptism unites us all as “one man” in Christ (3:28; Eph. 4:4-6)

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# Galatians 4

## Lessons for Today

- As sons of God, we should have a close relationship with our Father (4:6; Rom. 8:14-15)
- Faithful Christians should press forward toward the goal of heaven and never “turn back” to the things of the world (4:9; 2 Pet. 2:21)
- Will all your work as a Christian be “in vain” because of unfaithfulness and apostasy (4:11; 1 Cor. 15:2; 2 Cor. 6:1; Phil. 2:16; 1 Thess. 3:5)?

# Galatians 4

## Lessons for Today

- We must always confront error with truth even at the cost of becoming one's enemy (4:16; Amos 5:10)
- Will we allow false teachers to turn us away from those who are teaching the truth (4:16-17)? Will we start seeking the favor of men over truth and Christ (4:16-17; 1:6)?
- Faithful Christians allow Christ to be “formed” in them by allowing Christ to be their example and their influence (4:19; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 4:13)

# Galatians 4

## Lessons for Today

- We must show deep concern for the faithfulness of our brethren and do what we can to save them (4:11,19-20; 1 Jn. 2:1)

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# What is an Allegory?

*“which things contain an allegory” (Gal. 4:24)*

*Allegoreo* ... formed from *allos*, “other,” and *agoreuo*, “to speak in a place of assembly,” ... came to signify “to speak,” not according to the primary sense of the word, but so (1) that the facts stated are applied to illustrate principles. The “allegorical” meaning (2) does not do away with the literal meaning of the narrative. There may be more than one “allegorical” meaning though, of course, only one literal meaning. Scripture histories represent or embody spiritual principles, and (3) these are ascertained, not by the play of the imagination, but by rightful application of doctrines of Scripture”  
(*Expository Dictionary of NT Words*, W.E. Vine, p. 22).

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“to speak allegorically or in a figure” (Thayer, 28; BAG, 39)

“to speak allegorically where the thing spoken of is emblematic or representative” (Zodhiates, 125)

“These are two illustrations...” (HCSB, 2004)

“which things are symbolic...” (NKJV, 1984)

“These things may be taken figuratively...” (NIV, 1978)

# The Allegory of Hagar and Sarah

Old Testament Story	Paul's Allegory
1. Abraham had two sons: Ishmael and Isaac (Genesis 16:1-16; 21:1-7)	1. Ishmael represents bondage; Isaac presents freedom (Gal. 4:21-27)
2. Ishmael persecuted Isaac (Gen. 21:9)	2. Those in bondage persecuted those who are free (Gal. 4:28-29)
3. Hagar is cast out (Gen. 21:10)	3. Christians are free (Gal. 4:30-31)

# The Allegory of Hagar and Sarah

Hagar	Sarah
1. Handmaid (servant)	1. Freewoman (wife)
2. Ishmael born after the flesh	2. Isaac born through promise
3. Old Covenant – Mt. Sinai	3. New Covenant
4. Children of bondage	4. Children of freedom
5. Jerusalem - now is (bondage)	5. Jerusalem - is above (free)
6. Her that has the husband	6. Children of the desolate
7. Ishmael persecuted Isaac	7. Jews persecute Christians
8. Handmaid & son cast out	8. Freewoman & son inherited
9. Children of the handmaid	9. Children of the freewoman

# Two Covenants Contrasted

Old (First) Covenant	New (Second) Covenant
Jeremiah 31:31-35	Hebrews 8:8-12
1. Given by Moses (Mal. 4:4)	1. Given by Jesus (Heb. 12:24)
2. Given to Israel (Deut. 5:1-4)	2. Given to all (Mk. 16:15)
3. Written in stone (2 Cor. 3:7)	3. Written on hearts (Heb. 8:10)
4. Blood of animals (Heb. 9:18)	4. Blood of Jesus (Heb. 9:12)
5. Not clean (Heb. 9:8-9)	5. Makes perfect (Heb. 7:18-19)
6. Found fault (Heb. 8:7)	6. Better, perfect (Heb. 8:6)
7. Type or figure (Heb. 9:24)	7. Antitype or true (Heb. 8:1-2)
8. Purifies the flesh (Heb. 9:13)	8. Purifies the soul (1 Pet. 1:22)
9. Earthly reward (Psa. 105:11)	9. Eternal reward (1 Pet. 1:4)
10. Pass away (2 Cor. 3:11)	10. Remains (2 Cor. 3:11)

# Galatians 4

## Lessons for Today

- Christians are members of the “Jerusalem that is above” (4:26; Heb. 11:10; 12:22-23; 13:14; Rev. 3:12; 21:2,10).
- Christians should “rejoice” in their position of freedom in Christ (4:27; Phil. 3:1; 4:4).
- Christians are “children of promise” upon being baptized into Christ (4:28; 3:26-29; Rom. 4:13-18; 9:8,24-26).

# Galatians 4

## Lessons for Today

- Christians are “persecuted” for living by the gospel and preaching the gospel (4:29; Gal. 3:4; 5:11; 6:12; Jn. 15:20; 1 Thess. 2:14-15; Heb. 10:33-34). Christians are born “after the Spirit” (4:29; Jn. 3:5; Rom. 8:1,13).
- Christians must “cast out” all who teach error and those who bring brethren into bondage (4:30; Rom. 16:17-18)
- Christians are children of the “freewoman” – free in Christ (4:31; Gal. 2:4; 5:1,13; Jas. 1:25).

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# Galatians 5

## Lessons for Today

- Christians are free in Christ (free from sin and bondage by the perfect law of liberty), but are not free to live any way they want (5:1; Jn. 8:32,36; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 2:4; 5:13; Jas. 1:25; 2:12; 1 Pet. 2:16). Christians must never be deceived by a false liberty (2 Pet. 2:19).
- Christians must “stand fast” in Christ and hold their own against error (5:1; 1 Cor. 15:1-2; 16:13; 2 Cor. 1:24; Phil. 4:1; 1 Thess. 3:8; 2 Thess. 2:15).

# Galatians 5

## Lessons for Today

- The Devil tries to get Christians “entangled again” in the bondage of sin (5:1; 2 Pet. 2:20).
- Christians must run the Christian race and not allow themselves to be hindered (5:7; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 12:1) and they must continue obeying the truth.
- A little leaven of error can cause a big problem in the church (5:9; Mt. 16:11-12; 1 Cor. 5:6-8).

# Galatians 5

## Lessons for Today

- False teachers will bear their own judgment (5:10; Rom. 14:12).
- False teachers and error must be dealt with firmly and sternly, but in meekness (5:7-12; 2 Tim. 2:24-25; 2 Peter 2:1ff; Jude 5ff).

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# The Christian and The Holy Spirit

Walk after the Spirit (Rom. 8:4-5)

Built & begun in the Spirit (Rom. 8:9; Gal. 3:3; Eph. 2:11)

Pray in the Spirit (Eph. 6:18)

Love in the Spirit (Col. 1:8) ... of the Spirit (Rom. 15:30)

Live in the Spirit (1 Pet. 4:6) ... by the Spirit (Gal. 5:25)

Put to death by the Spirit (Rom. 8:13)

Led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:18)

Walk by the Spirit (Gal. 5:16)

Worship by the Spirit (Phil. 3:3)

Written with the Spirit (2 Cor. 3:3,6,8,17,18)

Filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18)

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Circumcised in the Spirit (Rom. 2:29)

Serve in newness of the Spirit (Rom. 7:29)

Free by the law of the Spirit (Rom. 8:2)

Mind of the Spirit (Rom. 8:6)

Indwelled by the Spirit (Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 3:16)

First-fruits of the Spirit (Rom. 8:23)

Justified in the Spirit (1 Cor. 6:11)

Earnest of the Spirit (2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5)

Promise of the Spirit (Gal. 3:14; 4:6,29; 5:5)

Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)

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Unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3)

Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)

Fellowship of the Spirit (Phil. 2:1)

Quench not the Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19)

Sanctification of the Spirit (2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:2)

Despise unto the Spirit (Heb. 10:29)

Rested upon by the Spirit (1 Pet. 4:14)

Given the Spirit (1 Jn. 3:24)

Hear what is said by the Spirit (Rev. 2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22)

Invite all with the Spirit (Rev. 22:17)

## The Works of the Flesh (KJV)

**1. Adultery** (*moicheia*) = unlawful sexual intercourse with the spouse of another (Mt. 15:19; Mk. 7:21; Jn. 8:3; Gal. 5:19)

**2. Fornication** (*porneia*) = illicit sexual intercourse (Mt. 5:32; 15:19; 19:9; Mk. 7:21; Jn. 8:41; Acts 15:20,29; 21:25; Rom. 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:13,18; 7:2; 2 Cor. 12:21; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5; 1 Thess. 4:3; Rev. 2:21; 9:21; 14:8; 17:2,4; 18:3; 19:2)

**3. Uncleaness** (*akatharsia*) = morally impure (Mt. 23:27; Rom. 1:24; 6:19; 2 Cor. 12:21; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 4:19; 5:3; Col. 3:5; 1 Thess. 2:3; 4:7)

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**4. Lasciviousness** (*aselgeia*) = excess, licentiousness, absence of restraint, indecency, wantonness, shameless conduct” (Mk. 7:22; Rom. 13:13; 2 Cor. 12:21; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 4:19; 1 Pet. 4:3; 2 Pet. 2:7,18; Jude 4)

**5. Idolatry** (*eidololatria*) = idol service (1 Cor. 10:14; Gal. 5:20; Col. 3:5; 1 Pet. 4:3)

**6. Witchcraft** (*pharmakeia*) = the use of medicine, drugs, spells, sorcery, accompanied by incantations and appeals to occult powers, charms, amulets, etc. (Gal. 5:20; Rev. 9:21; 18:23; in the LXX, Ex. 7:11,22; 8:7,18; Isa. 47:9,12)

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**7. Hatred** (*echthra*) = enmity; from *echthros*, enemy (Lk. 23:12; Rom. 8:7; Gal. 5:20; Eph. 2:15,16; Jas. 4:4)

**8. Variance** (*eris*) = strife, contention, the expression of enmity (Rom. 1:29; 13:13; 1 Cor. 1:11; 3:3; 2 Cor. 2:20; Gal. 5:20; Phil. 1:15; 1 Tim. 6:4; Tit. 3:9)

**9. Emulations** (*zelos*) = zeal, fervor, jealousy, envy (Jn. 2:17; Acts 5:17; 13:45; Rom. 10:2; 13:13; 1 Cor. 3:3; 2 Cor. 7:7,11; 9:2; 11:2; 12:20; Gal. 5:20; Phil. 3:6; Col. 4:13; Heb. 10:27; Jas. 3:14,16)

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**10. Wrath** (*thumos*) = hot anger, agitated, outburst of wrath (Lk. 4:28; Acts 19:28; Rom. 2:8; 2 Cor. 12:20; Gal. 5:20; Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8; Heb. 11:27; Rev. 12:12; 14:8,10,19; 15:1,7; 16:1,19; 18:3; 19:15)

**11. Strife** (*erithia*) = ambitious, self-seeking rivalry, self-will, factious, divisive (Rom. 2:8; 2 Cor. 12:20; Gal. 5:20; Phil. 1:16; 2:3; Jas. 3:14,16)

**12. Seditious** (*dichostasia*) = a standing apart, a dissension, a division (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 3:3; Gal. 5:20)

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**13. Heresies** (*hairesis*) = a choosing, a choice, placing opinion over truth leading to division, sects (Acts 5:17; 15:5; 24:5,14; 26:5; 28:22; 1 Cor. 11:19; Gal. 5:20; 2 Pet. 2:1)

**14. Envyings** (*phthonos*) = the feeling of displeasure produced by seeing or hearing of the advantage or prosperity of others (Mt. 27:18; Mk. 15:10; Rom. 1:29; Gal. 5:21; Phil. 1:15; 1 Tim. 6:4; Tit. 3:3; Jas. 4:5; 1 Pet. 2:1)

**15. Murders** (*phonos*) = kill, slay, manslaughter (Mt. 15:19; Mk. 7:21; 15:7; Lk. 23:19,25; Acts 9:1; Rom. 1:29; Gal. 5:21; Heb. 11:37; Rev. 9:21)

## The Works of the Flesh (KJV)

**16. Drunkenness** (*methe*) = strong drink, habitual intoxication (Lk. 21:34; Rom. 13:13; Gal. 5:21)

**17. Revellings** (*komos*) = riot, revel, carousal, the consequence of drunkenness (Rom. 13:13; Gal. 5:21; 1 Pet. 4:3)

**18. And such like** (*kia ta homoia*) = like things, similar things (Gal. 5:21)

## The Fruit of the Spirit (KJV)

**1. Love** (*agape*) = good will, kind acts, known only from the actions it prompts (Mt. 5:43-44; 22:37,39; Jn. 14:15,23,24; Gal. 5:22; 1 Jn. 4:7; etc.)

**2. Joy** (*chara*) = happiness due to a right relationship with God (Mt. 13:44; 25:21,23; Mk. 4:16; Lk. 2:10-11; 15:7,10; Acts. 8:8; 13:52; Gal. 5:22; Phil. 4:4; etc.)

**3. Peace** (*eirene*) = harmony between God and man, between man and man, accomplished through the gospel (Lk. 1:79; 2:14; Acts 10:36; Rom. 5:1; 8:6; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 2:14-17; 6:15; etc.)

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**4. Longsuffering** (*macrothumia*) = long-tempered, patient, steadfast spirit which will never give in (Rom. 2:4; 9:22; 2 Cor. 6:6; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:2; Col. 1:11; 3:12; 1 Tim. 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:10; 4:2; Heb. 6:12; Jas. 5:10; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 3:15)

**5. Gentleness** (*chrestotes*) = kindness toward others, good and gracious, goodness of heart (Rom. 2:4; 3:12; 11:22; 2 Cor. 6:6; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 2:7; Col. 3:12; Tit. 3:4)

**6. Goodness** (*agathosune*) = benevolent toward others, good and beneficial to others (Rom. 15:14; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 5:9; 2 Thess. 1:11)

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**7. Faith** (*pistis*) = a firm persuasion, a conviction (Rom. 10:17; 1 Cor. 2:5; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 1:15; Col. 1:4; Heb. 11:1,3,6; etc.)

**8. Meekness** (*praotes*) = accepting one's state without disputing or resisting, not self-assertive (1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 10:1; Gal. 5:23; 6:1; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; 1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:25; Tit. 3:2)

**9. Temperance** (*enkrateia*) = self-control, controlling the power of the will (appetites, desires, passions) (Acts 24:25; Gal. 5:23; 2 Pet. 1:6)

Works of the Flesh (KJV)	Fruit of the Spirit (KJV)
Adultery	Love
Fornication	Joy
Uncleanness	Peace
Lasciviousness	Longsuffering
Idolatry	Gentleness
Witchcraft	Goodness
Hatred, variance, emulations	Faith
Wrath, strife, seditions	Meekness
Heresies, envyings, murders	Temperance
Drunkenness, revellings, and such like	Against such there is no law

# Galatians 5

## Lessons for Today

- Christians must not use their “freedom” in Christ as an excuse to engage in sin (5:13; 1 Pet. 2:16)
- Christian have “freedom” but they still must be “servants one to another” (5:13; Eph. 5:21; 1 Pet. 5:5)
- Loving your neighbor as yourself fulfills the law when your love treats your neighbor kindly as you want to be treated (5:14; Mt. 22:39; Lk. 10:27; Rom. 13:8-10; Jas. 2:8)

# Galatians 5

## Lessons for Today

- Christians should not mistreat their brethren (5:15,26; Col. 3:9; Tit. 3:3)
- Christians “walk” by the Spirit (Gal. 5:16) when they allow themselves to be “led” by the Spirit (Gal. 5:18; Rom. 8:14) and “live” by the Spirit (Gal. 5:25)
- Practicing the works of the flesh will cause any person to be lost and left out of the kingdom of God (5:16-21,24; Rom. 13:14; 1 Cor. 6:10; 1 Pet. 2:11; 4:2; 2 Pet. 2:10,18; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)

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## Lessons for Today

- Bearing the fruit of the Spirit will keep the Christian from practicing the works of the flesh (5:22-23; Rom. 6:22; 2 Cor. 9:10; Eph. 5:9; Phil. 1:11; Col. 1:10; Heb. 12:11; Jas. 3:17-18)
- Christians are crucified with Christ when they put to death the old man of sin (5:24; Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20; 6:14)
- Christians are not to be “vainglorious”; that is, desiring empty glory through pride and boasting (5:26; Phil. 2:3; Jas. 4:16; 1 Jn. 2:16)

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## The Christian's "One Another" Responsibilities

Members one of another (Romans 12:5)

Tender affection one to another (Romans 12:10)

Love one another (Romans 13:8)

Edify one another (Romans 14:19)

Same mind one with another (Romans 15:5)

Receive one another (Romans 15:7)

Admonish one another (Romans 15:14)

Greet one another (Romans 16:16)

Wait one for another (1 Corinthians 11:33)

Same care one for another (1 Corinthians 12:25)

## The Christian's "One Another" Responsibilities

Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)

Forbearing one another (Ephesians 4:2)

Kind one to another (Ephesians 4:32)

Speaking one to another (Ephesians 5:19; Col. 3:16)

Submit one to another (Ephesians 5:21)

Comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11)

Exhort one another (Hebrews 3:13)

Consider one another (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Confess & pray one to another (James 5:16)

Hospitality one to another (1 Peter 4:9)

## The Christian's "One Another" Responsibilities

Fellowship one with another (1 John 1:7)

Do not bite and devour one another (Galatians 5:15)

Do not provoke one another (Galatians 5:26)

Do not lie one to another (Colossians 3:9)

# The Christian and Burden-Bearing

Galatians 6:1-5

<b>Burdens To Be Shared</b>	<b>Burdens To Be Shouldered</b>	<b>Burdens To Be Shifted</b>
<p>Some burdens are to be shared by others: severe illnesses, accidents, natural disasters, suffering, death-related burdens, restoration, etc. <b>(Galatians 6:2)</b></p>	<p>Some burdens are to be shouldered by ourselves: sins, family, work, conversion, etc. <b>(Galatians 6:5)</b></p>	<p>Some burdens are to be shifted to the Lord: forgiveness, anxieties, etc. <b>(Psalm 55:22)</b></p>

# Exhortation to Burden-Bearing

Galatians 6:1-5

Restoring the erring (6:1)



Bearing another's burdens (6:2)



Thinks himself something ... nothing (6:3)



Let each one prove his own work (6:4)



Each one bear his own burden (6:5)

# Galatians 6

## Lessons for Today

- Christians must do what they can to help restore their erring brethren (6:1; Lk. 22:32; 1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Thess. 3:15; Jas. 5:19-20; Jude 22-23; 1 Jn. 5:16)
- Christians need to be “spiritual” in their lives so they can be ready to help others (6:1; Gal. 5:13-26; Rom. 8:4ff; 1 Cor. 14:37; Col. 1:9; 1 Pet. 2:2,5)
- Christians have many “one another” responsibilities because we are “members one of another” (6:2; Rom. 12:5; Eph. 4:25)

# Galatians 6

## Lessons for Today

- Christians have “burdens” that other Christians can help them bear (6:2; Rom. 12:15; 15:1; 1 Cor. 12:26; 1 Thess. 5:14)
- Christians are under the “law of Christ” (6:2; Rom. 8:2; 1 Cor. 9:21; Jas. 1:25; 2:8)
- Christians must not be self-conceited and self-deceived, but be willing to bear one another’s burdens (6:3; Rom. 12:16; Jas. 1:26)

# Galatians 6

## Lessons for Today

- Christians need to “prove” themselves with God’s word to see if they are right (6:4; 1 Cor. 11:28; 2 Cor. 13:5)
- Christians have “burdens” that they must bear themselves (6:5; Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Tim. 5:16)

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# You Reap What You Sow

## Galatians 6:7-8

### Sow to the Flesh

Galatians 5:19-21

adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, , hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like

### Reap Corruption

divorce, broken homes, neglected children, spouse/child abuse, STDs, money problems, evil thoughts, unbelief, stress, division, constant fighting, violence, death, health problems, hurt self and others, break laws, prison, **HELL**

# You Reap What You Sow

## Galatians 6:7-8

### Sow to the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance

### Reap Eternal Life

service, care, protection, happiness, unity, stability, steadfast spirit, kind acts, dependability, firm conviction, self-protection, **HEAVEN**

# The Christian and Benevolence

## NT Pattern for Individual Benevolence

Individual Christians may help other Christians and non-Christians

Ephesians 4:28

Galatians 2:10; 6:10

1 Timothy 5:16

James 1:27; 2:15-18

1 John 3:17-18

## NT Pattern for Local Church Benevolence

Local churches may help needy saints only

Acts 2:44-45

Acts 4:32-35

Acts 6:1-6

Acts 11:27-30

Romans 15:25-26

1 Corinthians 16:1-3

2 Corinthians 8-9

1 Timothy 5:16

# Galatians 6

## Lessons for Today

- Those who are taught should share with their teachers all good things, both material and spiritual (6:6; 1 Cor. 9:7-14; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 5:17; Heb. 13:16; 3 Jn. 5-8)
- Self-deception is common today (1 Cor. 3:18; 6:9; 15:33; Eph. 5:6; 2 Thess. 2:3; Jas. 1:16,22,26; 1 Jn. 1:8; 3:7)
- God is not mocked (6:7; Rom. 2:6-10; Heb. 2:2-3; 10:26-29; Jude 15,18)

# Galatians 6

## Lessons for Today

- We reap what we sow, good or bad (6:8; Psa. 7:15-16; Rom. 2:6-10; 6:23)
- Christians must not grow weary in well-doing (6:9; Rom. 2:7; 1 Pet. 2:15; 3:17; 4:19; Heb. 10:38; Jas. 5:7-8)
- Christians must use their opportunities to do good to all who are in need (6:10; Eccl. 9:10; Jn. 9:4; 12:35; Eph. 4:28; 5:16; Phil. 4:10; Col. 4:5; 1 Tim. 6:17-18; Tit. 2:14; 3:8; Heb. 13:16)

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# What Is Relevant For the Christian?

That Which Does Not Matter	That Which Does Matter
Jew or Greek (3:28)	In Christ Jesus (3:28-29)
Circumcision or uncircumcision (5:6)	Faith working through love (5:6)
Circumcision or uncircumcision (6:15)	A new creature (6:15)

# Galatians 6

## Lessons for Today

- We must be willing to be persecuted for the cross of Christ (6:12; Mt. 5:10-12; Jn. 15:20; 1 Cor. 4:12; Gal. 4:29; 5:11; Phil. 3:18)
- We must never glory in our own fleshly accomplishments, but in Jesus Christ (6:13-14; Phil. 3:3)
- Like Paul, we must be crucified with Christ and crucified to the world (6:14; Romans 6:2-6; Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:20)

# Galatians 6

## Lessons for Today

- Physical circumcision is not necessary to be a Christian, but the “circumcision of Christ” is (6:14-15; Rom. 2:29; Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:11)
- What matters most in life is what God wants us to be (a “new creature”, a Christian) and not what man wants us to be (6:15; see also 5:6; 1 Cor. 7:19)
- We must walk by the rule of Christ and not the way the world wants us to walk (6:16; Phil. 3:16). We have a “rule” (standard) and that “rule” is the New Testament (2 Tim. 1:13; 2 Jn. 9-11)

# Galatians 6

## Lessons for Today

- Some who received circumcision troubled Paul and others did not (6:17; Col. 4:11; Tit. 1:10). What would we have done to Paul had we lived during his time?
- Do we, like Paul, bear the “marks” (Gr. *stigmata* or “stigma”) of Jesus in our service (6:17; 2 Cor. 4:10; 11:23; Phil. 1:20; Col. 1:24)?
- Rather than receiving trouble and turmoil from the false teachers, we can be blessed with peace, mercy, and grace from God (6:16,18; 1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:2; 2 Jn. 3)