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Galatians

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free (5:1)

6	Paul	c. A.D. 48–55	"Liberty"
Chapters, 149 Verses	Author (1:1)	Written	(5:1)

STRUCTURE

The Book in Three Parts

Galatians has three movements of two chapters each: Paul's gospel is from Christ (personal), it is justification by faith (doctrinal), and it brings freedom to love and walk in the Spirit (practical).



Each bar shows that part's share of the 149 verses.

I 1–2 · 45 verses

Personal

Paul's gospel came by revelation of Jesus Christ.

II 3–4 · 60 verses

Doctrinal

Justified by faith; sons and heirs, not servants.

III 5–6 · 44 verses

Practical

Liberty, love and the walk in the Spirit.

BACKGROUND

What Went Wrong in Galatia

Teachers had come saying Gentile believers must also be circumcised and keep the law of Moses.

THE FALSE GOSPEL

Christ Plus the Law

Faith in Jesus, but also circumcision, holy days and the law to be truly right with God (4:10; 5:2–4; 6:12).

PAUL'S GOSPEL

Christ Alone

"A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ" (2:16).

> *"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."*
>
> Galatians 1:8 (KJV)

CHAPTERS 1–2

Paul's Story

Paul shows that his gospel came from Christ, not from men, and that the apostles in Jerusalem agreed with it.

1 1:13–14

The Persecutor

Zealous for the traditions of his fathers.

2 1:15–16

Called by Grace

God revealed His Son in him.

3 1:17–18

Arabia and Damascus

Three years before he went up to Jerusalem.

4 1:18–19

Fifteen Days

With Peter; he saw James, the Lord's brother.

5 2:1–10

Fourteen Years Later

Right hands of fellowship from James, Cephas and John.

6 2:11–14

At Antioch

Paul withstands Peter to the face.

GALATIANS AT A GLANCE · PART 2 OF 4

Justified by Faith, the Law and Sons of God

CHAPTER 2:16–21

Justified by Faith

> *"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ"*
>
> Galatians 2:16 (KJV)

GALATIANS 2:20

Crucified with Christ

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

CHAPTER 3

Faith, the Promise and the Law

If we are saved by faith, why did God give the law? Paul answers with Abraham.

3:6

Abraham Believed

"Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

3:13

Christ Bore the Curse

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us."

3:17

Promise First

The law came 430 years later and cannot cancel the promise.

3:24

The Schoolmaster

"The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ."

> *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."*
>
> Galatians 3:28 (KJV)

CHAPTER 4

Sons and Heirs

> *"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."*
>
> Galatians 4:4–5 (KJV)

HAGAR · THE BONDWOMAN	SARAH · THE FREE WOMAN
Ishmael, born after the flesh	**Isaac, born by promise**
4:23	4:23
HAGAR · THE BONDWOMAN	SARAH · THE FREE WOMAN
The covenant from mount Sinai	**Jerusalem which is above**
4:24	4:26
HAGAR · THE BONDWOMAN	SARAH · THE FREE WOMAN
Gendereth to bondage	**Is free, which is the mother of us all**
4:24	4:26

"So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free" (4:31).

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Liberty, the Spirit and Sowing and Reaping

CHAPTER 5:1–15

Free to Love

5:1
Stand Fast
"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free"

5:6
Faith and Love
"but faith which worketh by love."

5:13
Serve One Another
"use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

CHAPTER 5:16–26

The Flesh and the Spirit

"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (5:16).

5:19–21
The Works of the Flesh
Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings.

5:22–23
The Fruit of the Spirit
Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: "against such there is no law."

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Longsuffering
- Gentleness
- Goodness
- Faith
- Meekness
- Temperance

CHAPTER 6

Sowing and Reaping

6:2
"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

6:7
"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

6:9
"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

6:14
"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ"

Themes and Key Verse

BIG IDEAS

Key Themes

One Gospel
No other gospel can save.
1:6–9

Justified by Faith
Not by the works of the law.
2:16; 3:11

Christ in Me
Crucified with Christ, living by faith.
2:20

Sons and Heirs
Adopted, crying "Abba, Father."
3:26; 4:5–7

Liberty
Free from bondage, free to serve in love.
5:1, 13

The Spirit
Walk in the Spirit and bear His fruit.
5:16–25

KEY VERSE

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