

# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Who, What, Where, When, and Why

## WHO WROTE GALATIANS?

\_\_\_\_\_ wrote the **Epistle to the Galatians**

## WHAT IS GALATIANS ABOUT?

**Galatians** is a letter where Paul \_\_\_\_\_ a false gospel and teaches about the gospel, grace, and freedom

## WHERE DOES GALATIANS TAKE PLACE?

Galatia was a province of \_\_\_\_\_



**WHEN WAS GALATIANS WRITTEN?**

It could have been Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ canonical work or it could have been as late as his \_\_\_\_\_ canonical work

**WHY WAS GALATIANS WRITTEN?**

To set the Galatian churches straight on the gospel, grace, freedom, and how the \_\_\_\_\_ fits with those three

**OUTLINE**

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**KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES**

1. To recognize the dangers and downstream impacts of altering the \_\_\_\_\_
2. To understand more fully the terms "justification by faith" and "Christian \_\_\_\_\_"
3. To recognize the evidences of a Spirit-filled life in \_\_\_\_\_ and in others
4. To understand more fully why the Law was given, the Law's purpose, and how I, as a New Testament believer, relate to the Law
5. To grow in the knowledge of the relationships between the Old Testament and the New Testament

**RESOURCES**

I have ten **Galatians**-related resources to give away today

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Greeting ([Galatians 1:1-5](#))

## INTRODUCTION

In today's text, Paul comes out swinging. He quickly establishes his authority, gives us a great example of how to handle difficult communications, and ends with the awesomeness of Jesus.

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## GALATIANS 1:1-5 (GREETING)

**1 Paul, an apostle** [An apostle was a delegate, a \_\_\_\_\_, one sent forth with orders. In [Acts 4:33](#), the apostles are described as having given testimony to the risen Lord (i.e., they would have had to have \_\_\_\_\_ seen the resurrected Christ).] **(not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead** [the first theological concept that Paul addresses is the \_\_\_\_\_]), **2 and all the brethren who are with me** [We are all under \_\_\_\_\_],

**So, how can Paul start his communication this way?** Paul had a previously established \_\_\_\_\_ with the Galatians. This is Christian Communication 101—truth wrapped in the hearer's knowledge that the messenger loves them.

**To the churches of Galatia** [implicit in this phrase is the idea that there is a \_\_\_\_\_ standard of truth for all churches]:

**3 Grace to you and peace** [Lenski: **Grace is always first, peace always second. This is due to the fact that grace is the source of \_\_\_\_\_.**] **from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave Himself for our sins** [The Greek word is *hamartia*: to be without a \_\_\_\_\_ in, to miss the mark, to err, be mistaken, to miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honor, to do or go wrong, to wander from the law of God, violate God's law, sin. The fact that Jesus gave Himself up for my sin shows the \_\_\_\_\_ of my sin.], **that He might deliver** [rescue, deliver, pluck out] **us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. Everyone is under authority
2. Relationships are critical to correcting error in the church
3. There exists a single gospel for all churches to proclaim
4. **Martin Luther: These two terms, grace and peace, \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity**
5. The gospel is for \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Submit to the authorities in my life
2. Establish relationships \_\_\_\_\_ to engaging error
3. Know the singularly true gospel
4. Look for ways to live out grace and peace in real ways (i.e., give others what they do not deserve and work to join people together)
5. Glorify God through the 'right now' applicability of the \_\_\_\_\_

### HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 1:6-10 (NKJV)

#### ONLY ONE GOSPEL

**6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.**

**10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.**

# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Only One Gospel ([Galatians 1:6-10](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 1:1-5: GREETING)

### INTRODUCTION

In today's text, Paul clarifies his issue with the Galatians' theology (they allowed others to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel) and provides correct theology (never modify the gospel).

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## GALATIANS 1:6-10 (ONLY ONE GOSPEL)

**6 I marvel** [wonder at, marvel] **that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different** [Greek, *heteros*—a different kind] **gospel** [literally, good news—specifically, the good news that Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_ us], **7 which is not another** [Greek, *allos*]; **but there are some who trouble** [trouble by moving around the \_\_\_\_\_ of a thing] **you and want to pervert** [Greek, *metastrepho*—to turn around] **the gospel of Christ.** [Jesus + \_\_\_\_\_ = salvation.] **8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven** [this angel reference could easily represent anything we would normally accept to be from a safe source (Gary, Darrell, Brian, \_\_\_\_\_, etc.)], **preach any other gospel to you than** [Greek, *para*—besides, near] **what we have preached to you, let him be accursed** [Greek, *anathema*—a \_\_\_\_\_]. **9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other** [Greek, *para*] **gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.**

**David Guizk: So, where is Paul's love? Paul's love is for souls that are in danger of \_\_\_\_\_.** **If a gospel is false, and not "another good news" at all, then it can't save someone.**

**Life Application Bible Commentary: He** [Paul] **wanted it understood that once the truth of the gospel was declared, all \_\_\_\_\_ were false.**

**Elyse Fitzpatrick: Everything that isn't gospel is law.** Jesus + \_\_\_\_\_ = salvation

**10 For do I now persuade** [persuade, to make friends of, to win one's favor, to strive to please, to have confidence in, to trust in] **men, or God? Or do I seek** [seek, strive,

require, demand, crave] **to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant** [slave] **of Christ** [Seth Godin: Embracing the convenient at the expense of the effective is where the \_\_\_\_\_ happens].

### APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. There are times when dispensing with niceties are in order
2. Any deviation/modification of the gospel is a turning away from \_\_\_\_\_
3. Alternative gospels are not gospels at all
4. Pleasing \_\_\_\_\_ is more important than pleasing \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Love people enough to get to the point: **Darla Skinner: Don't \_\_\_\_\_ with the gospel**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ modify the gospel (it has worked and will continue to work forever)
3. Know the gospel well enough to spot any modification
4. Recognize that I am a slave to Jesus

### HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 1:11-24 (NKJV)

#### CALL TO APOSTLESHIP

**11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

**13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and *tried to destroy it*. 14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.**

**15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.**

#### CONTACTS AT JERUSALEM

**18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. 20 (Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.)**

**21 Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ. 23 But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once *tried to destroy*." 24 And they glorified God in me.**

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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Call to Apostleship & Contacts at Jerusalem ([Galatians 1:11-24](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 1:6-10: ONLY ONE GOSPEL) & INTRODUCTION

In today's text, Paul continues his defense of himself and the \_\_\_\_\_ of his message as he recalls his salvation story and early Christian development.

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## GALATIANS 1:11-24 (CALL TO APOSTLESHIP & CONTACTS AT JERUSALEM)

### CALL TO APOSTLESHIP

**11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel** [the \_\_\_\_\_ form of the word] **which was preached** [the \_\_\_\_\_ form of the word] **by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation** [*apokalupsis*] **of Jesus Christ.**

**13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. 14 And I advanced** [*prokopto*] **in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.**

### Life Application Bible Commentary: Following traditions did not give anyone

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**15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal** [*apokalupsis*] **His Son in me** [A prayer to pray every day: "Lord, reveal Yourself \_\_\_\_ me and reveal Yourself \_\_\_\_ me"], **that I might preach Him among the Gentiles** [Paul's calling was to make Jesus known to the \_\_\_\_\_], **I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.**

## CONTACTS AT JERUSALEM

**18 Then after three years** [After three years where? In the desert] **I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. 20 (Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.)**

**21 Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ. 23 But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy."** [Martin Luther: So his reason for repeating these things was to keep the churches in true and sound doctrine, to show that he had not received his Gospel from any man, and to show that for three or four years in Damascus and Arabia, by revelation from God, he had preached the very same Gospel that the apostles had preached, \_\_\_\_\_ he had seen any of the apostles.] **24 And they glorified God in me.**

David Guzik: Paul's whole point in the second part of this chapter is important. His gospel was true, and his experience was valid, because it *really came from God*. Does your gospel come from God, or have you made it up yourself? Does your Christian experience come from God, or have you made it up yourself? Only what comes from God can really save us and make a lasting difference in our lives.

**APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. The gospel is a noun and a verb
2. God can use a pagan's \_\_\_\_\_ for God's good
3. Almost everybody spends some time in the \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus can save \_\_\_\_\_
5. God will have His glory (God put Paul in the desert for God's glory)

**PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Know the gospel and share the gospel (use the gospel as both a noun and a verb)
2. Remember my pagan state and view everyone as \_\_\_\_\_
3. Learn in the desert and recognize that God has plans for redeeming that time
4. Never give up on \_\_\_\_\_
5. Know that the end of my story will result in God being glorified

**HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 2:1-2:10 (NKJV)**



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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Defending the Gospel ([Galatians 2:1-10](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 1:11-24: CALL TO APOSTLESHIP & CONTACTS AT JERUSALEM)

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## INTRODUCTION

Immediately after defending the source of his gospel, Paul gives specific examples of how he refuted Law-like behavior and kept his faith grounded in justification by faith.

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**GALATIANS 2:1-10 (DEFENDING THE GOSPEL)**

**1** Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem [see **Acts** \_\_\_\_ (?)] with **Barnabas** [the \_\_\_\_\_ good man named in the Bible (**Acts 11:24**)], and also took **Titus with me**. **2** And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation [When possible, praise in \_\_\_\_\_ and correct in \_\_\_\_\_], lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain [for nothing, for emptiness]. **3** Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. **4** And this occurred because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage) [Paul equates living under the Law with \_\_\_\_\_], **5** to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue [the gospel is always \_\_\_\_\_] with you.

**6** But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me [Those who were high on themselves taught Paul \_\_\_\_\_]. **7** But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter **8** (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles), **9** and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. **10** They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

**APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Defending the gospel involves keeping the right stuff in and the wrong stuff out
2. Impostors will always preach a different gospel
3. Living under the law is slavery
4. The truth is worth the effort
5. Leaders are sometimes wrong

**PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Know the \_\_\_\_\_ stuff
2. Know the right stuff and the \_\_\_\_\_ stuff
3. Live under \_\_\_\_\_
4. Know the truth and be willing to challenge \_\_\_\_\_ with it
5. Be private, gracious, patient, direct, and loving in correcting (see **1 Timothy 5**)

**HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 2:11-2:21 (NKJV)**

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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

No Return to the Law ([Galatians 2:11-21](#))

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**11** Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; **12** for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. **13** And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

[Galatians 3:28](#): There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus.

## Life Application Bible Commentary: Paul was a walking, talking, advertisement for the gospel

**Martin Luther: No one has ever fallen so badly that he cannot rise again. And on the other hand, no one is so surefooted that he cannot fall. If Peter fell, I may fall too.**

**14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews? 15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.**

The word straightforward comes from the Greek word *orthopodeo*. *Orthos* means \_\_\_\_\_ and *pous* means \_\_\_\_\_, meaning walk straight or uprightly.

**Romans 3:10: There is none righteous, no not one.**

**Ephesians 2: 8-9: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.***

**John McArthur: Three times in this verse [Galatians 2:16] Paul declares that salvation is only through \_\_\_\_\_**

**17 "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."**

He gave His life so we could be free. Salvation through faith alone and not works.

We have to daily pick up the responsibilities of \_\_\_\_\_ and display the mercy and grace of Christ in our actions.

### APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. It is not about \_\_\_\_\_
2. You have to have faith
3. It's ALL about Jesus

### PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Do not be afraid to speak up
2. Have faith
3. Trust in the Savior

### HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 3:1-9 (NKJV)

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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Justification by Faith (part 1) ([Galatians 3:1-9](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 2:11-2:21: NO RETURN TO THE LAW)

**11** Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; **12** for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. **13** And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

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## INTRODUCTION

In [Galatians 1-2](#), Paul finishes his defense of himself and now gets to the defense of his message: the justification of the sinner is by faith and not by works.

In today's text, Paul in essence says, "What Got You Here \_\_\_\_\_ Get You There."

Bloom's Taxonomy

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**GALATIANS 3:1-9 (JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH)**

**1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched** [\_\_\_\_\_] **you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? 2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have you suffered so many things in vain— if indeed it was in vain?**

**5 Therefore He who supplies** [furnishes, presents, ministers, contributes] **the Spirit to you and works** [God does the \_\_\_\_\_ in our relationship] **miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?** [Paul is asking: Does God save you because of your works or because of your faith? \_\_\_\_\_]— **6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted** [to take an inventory or to count] **to him for righteousness** [Genesis 15:6].” [God sees the faith and performs an inventory. When He sees works for salvation, God counts that as insufficient and the result is \_\_\_\_\_. When He sees faith for salvation, God counts that as sufficient and the result is \_\_\_\_\_.] **7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify** [Justification is a \_\_\_\_\_ declaration of righteousness] **the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed** [this declaration of \_\_\_\_\_ to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 was a summary of the gospel].” **9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing** [trusty, faithful, believing] **Abraham.**

Salvation by works ends with \_\_\_\_\_

Salvation by faith and grace ends with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. We can be fascinated with another gospel
2. What saved you then will save you \_\_\_\_\_
3. Salvation has never changed
4. Justification can only be declared by God, so He sets the terms

**PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Regularly review and affirm the \_\_\_\_\_
2. Stop working for and worrying about your salvation
3. Don't get confused about how Old Testament saints were saved
4. Know that the conditions to salvation (justification) are faith-based, not works-based

**HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 3:1-9 (NKJV)**

# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Justification by Faith (part 2) ([Galatians 3:1-9](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 3:1-9: JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH)

### INTRODUCTION

**Jared Wilson: The Law points its \_\_\_\_\_.** **The gospel gives us His \_\_\_\_\_.** This week, we look at what several theologians have said about this text.

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## GALATIANS 3:1-9 (JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH)

**MacArthur: Defection and desertion are contemptible because they involve disloyalty and betrayal. Few things are more tragic or disappointing than a Christian who deserts the purity of the gospel for a false form of Christianity that presumes to improve on the finished work of Christ. Yet that is what may believers in the Galatian churches had done or were in danger of doing because of the Judaizers.**

**Warren Wiersbe: Freedom in Christ was a threat to those who found safety in conformity.**

**1 O foolish Galatians!** [J. B. Phillips New Testament: O you dear idiots of Galatia.] **Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth** [Guzik: This is a sign of spiritual immaturity, even as a baby will stick \_\_\_\_\_ into its mouth.], **before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed** [Barclay: It is the Greek word (*prographein*) that would be used for putting up a \_\_\_\_\_.] **among you as crucified?** **2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?** [Luther: There is no middle way between the two. Everything that is not the Holy Spirit, or believing what is preached, is the law.] **3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?** [Tim Keller: Saving faith is faith in God's provision, not our performance. Spurgeon: The reason of this contention lies in the fact that man is not only poor, but proud; not only guilty, but conceited; so that he will not humble himself to be saved upon terms of divine charity. He will not consent to believe God; he prefers to believe in the proud falsehoods of his own heart, which delude him into the flattering hope that he may merit eternal life.] **4 Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?**

**5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?** [Wiersbe: When a child of God is born into God's family, he has \_\_\_\_\_ that he needs spiritually, nothing need be added!]**— 6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”** [God counted Abraham's faith as righteousness \_\_\_\_\_ before he was circumcised. MacArthur: Circumcision was only a \_\_\_\_\_, not the means, of salvation. Luther: Faith says to God, “I believe what you say.”] **7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.** [Ironsides: Those born of Abraham's lineage after the flesh are not really Abraham's sons unless born \_\_\_\_\_] **8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.”** **9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.** [Jared Wilson: I know what Portuguese is. I don't know Portuguese. Similarly, you can know what grace is—even say some grace words—but not be fluent.]

Salvation by works ends with \_\_\_\_\_.

Salvation by faith and grace ends with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luther: To put righteousness in the law, then, is nothing but fighting against the Gospel. Moses with his law requires us to work and give. The Gospel, on the other hand, gives freely and requires of us nothing but to hold out our hands and take what is offered.**

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Some will believe \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine
2. False doctrine will make us sick
3. Discernment is critical
4. Father Abraham has many sons

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Don't give up on believers with false doctrine
2. Regularly review and affirm the gospel
3. Know why I believe what I believe
4. Believe in Jesus to be one of them

### **HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 3:10-18 (NKJV)**



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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

The Law Brings a Curse & The Changeless Promise ([Galatians 3:10-18](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 3:1-9: JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH)

**1** O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? **2** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? **4** Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed *it was* in vain?

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Where [Galatians](#) fits in the Bible and where [Galatians 3:10-18](#) fits in [Galatians](#)

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## GALATIANS 3:10-18 (THE LAW BRINGS A CURSE & THE CHANGELESS PROMISE)

### THE LAW BRINGS A CURSE

**10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” **11** But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.” **12** Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.”

**13** Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), **14** that the blessing of Abraham

**might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

#### THE CHANGELESS PROMISE

**15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though *it is* only a man's covenant, yet *if it is* confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. 16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. 17 And this I say, *that* the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. 18 For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.**

Law vs. Grace: Justification/salvation is not by the Law but rather by faith.

Faith in what?

- Old Testament: Faith looking forward to the fulfillment of the Law by the messiah
- New Testament: Faith looking back to the work of Christ

Covenants in the Old Testament

- Noahic Covenant: [Genesis 9:8-17](#)
- Abrahamic Covenant: [Genesis 12-17](#)
- Mosaic Covenant: [Exodus 19-24](#)
- Davidic Covenant: [2 Samuel 7](#)

Covenants

- A covenant is an agreement between two parties
- There are two types of covenants: conditional and unconditional
- The Abrahamic Covenant is an unconditional covenant

#### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. The Law demonstrates we are unable to qualify on our own
2. God's act of redemption is offered without conditions
3. Everything points to Jesus

#### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Recognize I cannot be right with God on my own
2. Understand I cannot add anything to His gospel
3. Ask: What have I added to the gospel?

#### **HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 3:19-25 (NKJV)**

# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Purpose of the Law ([Galatians 3:19-25](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 3:10-18: THE LAW BRINGS A CURSE & THE CHANGELESS PROMISE)

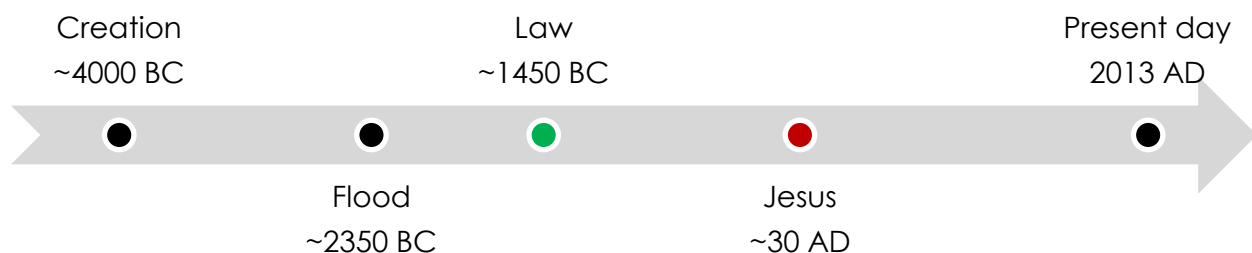
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Which came first, faith or the Law? \_\_\_\_\_



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**GALATIANS 3:19-25 (THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW)**

**19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added** [The Law was \_\_\_\_\_] **because of transgressions** [Barclay: The law can and does define sin, it can do nothing whatever to \_\_\_\_\_ it. Luther: There is a double use of the law. One is civil. God has ordained civil laws, indeed all laws, to punish transgressions. Ever law, then, is given to restrain sin. . . . Another use of the law is divine and spiritual—that is (as Paul says), to increase transgressions—that is, to reveal to us our sin, blindness, misery, impiety, ignorance, hatred, and contempt of God. . . . This is the proper use of the law—to terrify the self-righteous. . . . to bridle civil transgressions, and then to reveal spiritual transgressions. . . . it drives us to Christ.], **till** [until] **the Seed** [Jesus] **should come** [Romans 10:4] **to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator** [a go-between, a reconciler—the Old Testament word is \_\_\_\_\_]. **20 Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.**

**21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law** [The Law does \_\_\_\_\_ give life. Luther: It [the law] is a \_\_\_\_\_ that shows us ourselves as sinners, guilty of death and worthy of God's everlasting wrath and indignation.]. **22 But the Scripture has confined** [shut together, enclosed, included] **all under sin** [Genesis 3], **that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.** **23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.** **24 Therefore the law was our tutor** [Barclay: It was there to \_\_\_\_\_ people to Christ] **to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.** **25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.** [Robertson's New Testament Word Pictures: The pedagogue is dismissed. We are in the school of the \_\_\_\_\_.]

**APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. The Law \_\_\_\_\_ a purpose
2. New Testament believers are \_\_\_\_\_ under the Law
3. Jesus fulfilled the Law
4. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ than me

**PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Know that the purpose of the Law is to bring me face to face with the reality of my sin
2. \_\_\_\_\_ working for and worrying about my salvation
3. Trust in Jesus' fulfillment of the Law
4. Praise His name

**HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 3:26-4:7 (NKJV)**

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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Sons and Heirs ([Galatians 3:26-4:7](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 3:19-25: PURPOSE OF THE LAW)

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## INTRODUCTION

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we can become sons and heirs of God—the ultimate Father

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## GALATIANS 3:26-4:7 (SONS AND HEIRS)

**26** For you are all [\_\_\_\_\_] sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ [[Guzik: Here, using the picture of baptism, Paul illustrates what it means to have faith in Christ Jesus. He doesn't say we were baptized into water, but baptized into Christ. Just as in water baptism a person is immersed in water, so when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, we are immersed in Jesus.](#)] have put on Christ [We are \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ. [Life Application Bible Commentary: The more we grow, the more we fit into what Christ has given us.](#)]. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus [[Barclay: At that time, the Rabbis quoted a morning prayer that was popular among many Jews of that day. In that prayer, the Jewish man would thank God that he was not born a Gentile, a slave, or a woman. Paul takes each of these](#)

categories and shows them to be equal in Jesus.]. **29** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs [\_\_\_\_\_ is better] according to the promise.

**1** Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child [not yet legally recognized as an adult], does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, **2** but is under guardians and stewards [the \_\_\_\_\_ is subject] until the time appointed by the father. **3** Even so we, when we were children [Barclay: For Paul, those who governed their lives by slavery to the law were children; those who had learned the way of grace had become mature in the Christian faith.], were in bondage under the elements [basic principles] of the world. **4** But when the fullness of the time had come [It was the \_\_\_\_\_ time, as appointed by the Father], God sent forth His Son [Fleming: It is a common heresy to deny the Sonship of Jesus Christ prior to His arrival on earth. . . . He was the Son when He was sent and He was the Son prior to His arrival.], born of a woman [\_\_\_\_\_ in humanity], born under the law [the \_\_\_\_\_ is subject], **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

**6** And because you [\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_] are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" **7** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. [Yancy: When I attended a Bible college, I observed people who followed the rules and missed God, and people who broke the rules and missed God. What burdens me, though, is that group of people who still believe that they missed God because they broke the rules. They never heard the melody of the gospel of grace.]

### APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

Through faith in Jesus Christ:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is your Daddy
2. The Spirit intercedes for you
3. Your Father \_\_\_\_\_ in and \_\_\_\_\_ over you
4. Our Heavenly Father is limitless

### PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Answer the question: Who is \_\_\_\_ (D/d)addy?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ out to the Father
3. Know that the Father desires a relationship with \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Him

### HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 4:8-4:20 (NKJV)

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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Fears for the Church ([Galatians 4:8-20](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 3:26-4:7: SONS AND HEIRS)

**26** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**1** Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, **2** but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. **3** Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. **4** But when the fullness of the time had come [the right time], God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons [the right plan].

**6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father! [the right relationship]" **7** Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ [the right standing before God].

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## GALATIANS 4:8-20 (FEARS FOR THE CHURCH)

**8** But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods [Webster: idolater: a person that admires intensely and often blindly a person or thing that is not usually a subject of worship. Martin Luther: Anyone who falls from grace to the law is in just as much danger as someone who falls from grace to idolatry, for without Christ there is nothing but idolatry, an idle and false imagination of God. Webster: idolatry: immoderate (excessive, inordinate, devilish) attachment or devotion to something or someone.]. **9** But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? **10** You observe days and months and seasons and years. [Wiersbe: One of the tragedies of legalism is that it gives the \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual maturity when, in reality, it leads the believer back into a "second

childhood” of Christian experience. Yancy: At first glance legalism seems hard, but actually freedom in Christ is the harder way. It is relatively easy not to murder, hard to reach out in love; easy to avoid a neighbor's bed, hard to keep a marriage alive; easy to pay taxes, hard to serve the poor. When living in freedom, I must remain open to the Spirit for guidance.] **11 I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.**

**12 Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I became like you** [Guzik: Paul can say to the Galatian Christians, “When it comes to legalism, I know where you are at. I used to live my whole life trying to be accepted by God because of what I did. In that regard, **I became like you** and saw that it was a dead end. Take it from someone who knows where you are coming from.”]. **You have not injured me at all. 13 You know that because of physical infirmity** [lacking \_\_\_\_\_/weakness] **I preached the gospel to you at the first. 14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. 15 What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me. 16 Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth? [Proverbs 27:6: Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.]**

**17 They zealously court you, but for no good; yes, they want to exclude** [literally: \_\_\_\_\_ you up] **you, that you may be zealous for them. 18 But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you. 19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, 20 I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.**

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Our fallen nature often makes it easy for us to “\_\_\_\_\_” from the truth that we have known
2. It can be easy to follow wrong teaching or doctrine from those who look or sound good
3. Grace, though not easy, is still \_\_\_\_\_

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Know truth
2. Learn to recognize truth-tellers
3. Know \_\_\_\_\_! **John 14:6: Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”**

### **HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 4:21-31 (NKJV)**



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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Two Covenants ([Galatians 4:21-31](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 4:8-20: FEARS FOR THE CHURCH)

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## GALATIANS 4:21-31 (TWO COVENANTS)

**21** Tell me, you who desire to be under the law [Checking a list makes \_\_\_\_ feel good about my performance. Living according to grace and love makes \_\_\_\_\_ look good.], do you not hear the law? **22** For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one [Ishmael] by a bondwoman [Hagar], the other [Isaac] by a freewoman [Sarah]. **23** But he who was of the bondwoman [Ishmael] was born according to the flesh [Abraham had fleshly faith in \_\_\_\_\_ to provide for Abraham], and he [Isaac] of the

**freewoman** [Sarah] **through promise** [When God promises to do something, He \_\_\_\_\_ violates his previously written word to accomplish it], **24 which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai** [the location that the Law was given on \_\_\_\_\_] **which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children** [\_\_\_\_\_ will never set you free]— **26 but the Jerusalem above** [\_\_\_\_\_] **is free, which is the mother of us all. 27 For it is written:**

**“Rejoice, O barren,  
You who do not bear!  
Break forth and shout,  
You who are not in labor!  
For the desolate has many more children  
Than she who has a husband.”**

**28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. 29 But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. 30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.**

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ under the Law
2. God is telling a \_\_\_\_\_ story
3. The Law is bondage and grace is \_\_\_\_\_

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Constantly reevaluate my life to see if there is any \_\_\_\_\_ in me
2. Look for the bigger story and share it
3. Cling to \_\_\_\_\_

### **HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 5:1-6 (NKJV)**

# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Christian Liberty ([Galatians 5:1-6](#))

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## GALATIANS 5:1-6 (CHRISTIAN LIBERTY)

**1** Stand fast [be stationary, stand still, \_\_\_\_\_] therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free [[Guzik: Our freedom from the tyranny of having to earn our own way to God, the freedom from sin and guilt and condemnation, freedom from the penalty and the power and eventually freedom from the presence of sin.](#) Christian liberty is about freedom from the \_\_\_\_\_.], and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage [[William Tyndale’s English translation: And wrap not yourselves again.](#)]

**Luther:** Like oxen that toil in the yoke all day, and in the evening are turned out to graze along the dusty road, and at last are marked for slaughter when they can no longer draw the burden, so those who seek to be justified by the Law are 'entangled with the yoke of bondage,' and when they have grown old and broken-down in the service of the Law they have earned for their perpetual reward God's wrath and everlasting torment.]. **2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing** [we cannot live in both \_\_\_\_\_; **Geneva Study Bible: Baptism is a sign of the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant, just as circumcision was the sign of the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant**]. **3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor** [obligated] **to keep the whole law** [we are either \_\_\_\_\_ in or \_\_\_\_\_ out]. **4 You have become estranged** [inactive, inoperative, idle, without force or influence, separated, null and void] **from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace** [**Life Application Study Bible: To decide on legalism as the way of salvation is to "fall away" from grace. It's like throwing away the life preserver when lost at sea.**]. **5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait** [literally, we are separated to look patiently for] **for the hope** [expectation, confidence] **of righteousness by faith.** **6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails** [has strength or power over] **anything** [**Coffman: neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is \_\_\_\_\_ to Christianity**], **but faith working** [operating, working] **through love** [agape].

**Guzik:** You have **faith?** Wonderful; but it must be **faith working through love.** If your faith doesn't \_\_\_\_\_, it isn't real **faith.** If it doesn't work **through love,** it isn't real **faith.** But your **love alone isn't enough; your love must also have faith; an abiding trust in who Jesus is and what He did for us.**

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Christian liberty has \_\_\_\_\_ to do with doing what I want to do
2. Christian liberty has \_\_\_\_\_ to do with Jesus setting me free
3. Faith working through love is \_\_\_\_\_ of Christian liberty

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Praise God for freedom from the Law
2. Praise God for Jesus' deliverance
3. Lovingly work out my \_\_\_\_\_

### **HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 5:7-15 (NKJV)**

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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Love Fulfills the Law ([Galatians 5:7-15](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 5:1-6: CHRISTIAN LIBERTY)

**1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt* to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.**

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**7 You ran well. Who hindered** [beat you back, hindered, \_\_\_\_\_ in on] **you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. 9 A little** [*mikros*] **leaven** [fermentation] **leavens the whole lump** [dough; leaven \_\_\_\_\_ the dough to move]. **10 I have confidence in you, in the Lord** [[Psalm 20:7](#)], **that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.**

**11 And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision** [synonymous for the Law and Judaism], **why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense** [stumbling block, trap stick] **of the cross has ceased** [is inoperable]. **12 I could wish that those who trouble** [a commotion that would drive you from your \_\_\_\_\_] **you would even cut themselves off** [amputated entirely]!

**13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty** [Christian liberty is all about freedom \_\_\_\_\_ the Law]; **only do not use liberty as an opportunity** [\_\_\_\_\_ of operations] **for the flesh, but through love** [\_\_\_\_\_ love] **serve** [be in bondage, do service to, obey, submit to] **one another** [mutually]. **14 For all the law is fulfilled** [filled up to the brim, completed, perfected, realized, crammed, leveled up, furnished, satisfied, executed, verified, accomplished, \_\_\_\_\_] **in one word, even in this: “You shall love** [agape—the \_\_\_\_\_] **your neighbor as yourself.”** [Luther: If you want to know how you ought to love your neighbor, ask yourself how much you love \_\_\_\_\_] **15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!**

**Warren Wiersbe: Christian liberty is not a license to \_\_\_\_\_ but an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . The formula looks something like this:**

**liberty + love = service to others**

**liberty – love = license (slavery to sin)**

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the focus
2. Liberty is an opportunity to love and serve
3. A little error in soteriology is a big error

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Keep my eyes on the truth
2. Love and serve
3. Get it right and constantly go back to the \_\_\_\_\_

### **HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 5:16-26 (NKJV)**

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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Walking in the Spirit (part 1) ([Galatians 5:16-26](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 5:7-15: LOVE FULFILLS THE LAW)

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## INTRODUCTION

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## GALATIANS 5:16-26 (WALKING IN THE SPIRIT)

This week: Make a conscious effort to be known for a relationship with God

**16 I say then: Walk** [1. What you are known for—your modus operandi; **What would God write on your tombstone Facebook profile?**] **in the Spirit** [2. Continual habit: keep walking in the Spirit. Paul is answering his previous context, "**I say then.**" *Pneumati peripateite*: literally, keep on walking in the spirit.], **and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these**

**are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish** [3. You cannot control your flesh. The Greek word for lust did not have the negative connotation that it does today. Only through repeated activity do we learn anything. Discipline can become a crutch of its own.]. **18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law** [4. Paul brings it home to the Galatians. 5. Paul's singular focus: If you focus on the one, you will not do the other.].

Next week: The war between the Spirit and the flesh

**19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.**

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. A singular focus of: walk in the Spirit
2. We must keep walking in the Spirit
3. The lust of the flesh is equal to being under the Law

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Do not try to keep myself from being bad, rather be good
2. Do what it takes for me (know myself)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ [What would Paul put here for me?]

### **HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 5:16-26 (NKJV)**

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT (PART 2)



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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Walking in the Spirit (part 2) ([Galatians 5:16-26](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 5:7-15: LOVE FULFILLS THE LAW)

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Last week: Make a conscious effort to be known for a relationship with God

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This week: The war between the Spirit and the flesh. **19 Now the works of the flesh are evident** [1. Statements outside the “bad” list], **which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit** [2. Statements outside the “good” list] **is** [a life known for] **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law** [this is a reference back to the Galatians; similar to the self-evident comment]. **24 And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires** [historically, there have been many interpretations of this passage, but crucified with the flesh = able not to sin]. **25 If we live** [walk] **in the Spirit, let us also walk** [no flesh] **in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another** [overstepping the Spirit back into the flesh]. [3. Again, there is a single focus: If we focus on the Spirit, we will not be in the flesh.]

### **APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. These things were known but not acted on
2. Think through, “What are you known for?”
3. Conceited = over expression

### **PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. Apply it (just because I know something does not mean I apply it)
2. Know that if I have a lifestyle of sin, I am most likely not a believer
3. Focus on the Spirit

### **HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 6:1-6:5 (NKJV)**

BEAR AND SHARE THE BURDENS

**1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load.**

# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Bear and Share the Burdens ([Galatians 6:1-5](#))

## REVIEW (GALATIANS 5:16-26: WALKING IN THE SPIRIT)

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## INTRODUCTION

As Paul finishes his section on walking in the Spirit, he follows by reminding us what to do when we do not walk in the Spirit. **Ironside calls Galatians 6, "Grace in \_\_\_\_\_."**

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**1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass** [fall, falling aside, lapse, deviation from truth, or sin; **Barclay: The best of men slip up**], **you who are spiritual** [literally, \_\_\_\_\_-filled or walking in the Spirit] **restore** [used of setting bones and specifically mending \_\_\_\_\_ in [Matthew 4:21](#)] **such a one in a spirit of gentleness** [meekness, gentleness, humility], **considering** [looking at, observing, contemplating, \_\_\_\_\_ on] **yourself** [self-examination should occur prior to restoration] **lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear** [keep on bearing, keep on carrying, keep on lifting, keep on sustaining] **one another's burdens** [heaviness, weight, burden, trouble], **and so fulfill**

[keep on fulfilling, keep on supplying] **the law of Christ** [the law of Christ is love; love \_\_\_\_\_]. **3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something** [somebody], **when he is nothing** [nobody], **he deceives himself** [I can be \_\_\_\_\_-deceived; **Robertson's New Testament Word Pictures: Leads his own mind astray. . . . He deceives no one else**]. **4 But let each one examine** [an imperative; test, examine, prove, scrutinize, approve] **his own work** [business, work, effort, job], **and then he will have rejoicing** [glorying, boasting, rejoicing] **in himself alone, and not in another**. **5 For each one shall bear** [carry, lift, sustain] **his own load** [invoice (as part of freight), task, service. Jesus uses this word in **Matthew 23:4** when He calls his load \_\_\_\_\_].

### APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)

1. Walking in the Spirit is the prerequisite for restoration
2. Introspection is critically important
3. Grace is \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)

1. Walk in the Spirit
2. Self-examine, \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_, self-examine
3. Lean in

**Wiersbe: Nothing reveals the wickedness of legalism better than the way the legalists treat those who have sinned.**

### HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 6:6-15 (NKJV)

BE GENEROUS AND DO GOOD

**6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.**

**7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

GLORY ONLY IN THE CROSS

**11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! 12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. 13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.**

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# GALATIANS: FREEDOM FOR LIFE

Be Generous and Do Good & Glory Only in the Cross ([Galatians 6:6-15](#))

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BE GENEROUS AND DO GOOD

**6 Let him who is taught the word share** [an imperative; communicate, share, distribute] **in all good things with him who teaches** [**Ironside: He who seeks only to be benefited by others and is not concerned about sharing with them, will have a Dead Sea kind of life.**].

**7 Do not be deceived** [Greek is *planao* (the root word for \_\_\_\_\_—wandering stars)], **God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap** [**"Galatians."**]. **8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart** [do not relax, do not loosen, do not \_\_\_\_\_, do not set free, do not weaken]. **10 Therefore, as we have opportunity** [season—\_\_\_\_\_—a-\_\_\_\_\_ service opportunities], **let us do good to all, especially** [chiefly, primarily, mostly] **to those who are of the household of faith** [we start at home].

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**11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! 12 As many as desire to make a good showing** [for these people Christianity was all a \_\_\_\_\_] **in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised** [people that do not necessarily have our best interests at heart can have powerful influences on our \_\_\_\_\_], **only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ** [Barclay: Circumcision would keep them \_\_\_\_\_ from the hatred of the Jews and the law of Rome alike.]. **13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ** [Paul identified himself with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, not with the world.], **by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world** [If you want to know what the world thinks of Jesus, look at the \_\_\_\_\_. And if you want to know what Jesus thinks of the world, look at the \_\_\_\_\_]. **15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.**

**APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ will occur
2. The cross of Christ is our source of freedom
3. Freedom for life is found in Christ

**PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ intentionally
2. Identify with the cross of Christ
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_

**HOMEWORK: READ GALATIANS 6:16-18 (NKJV)**

## BLESSING AND A PLEA

**16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.**

**17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.**

**18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.**

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## INTRODUCTION

Our original knowledge objectives for this study:

1. To recognize the dangers and downstream impacts of altering the gospel
2. To understand more fully the terms "justification by faith" and "Christian liberty"
3. To recognize the evidences of a Spirit-filled life in myself and in others
4. To understand more fully why the Law was given, the Law's purpose, and how I, as a New Testament believer, relate to the Law
5. To grow in the knowledge of the relationships between the Old Testament and the New Testament

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**REVIEW**

What were some of the things we learned in our twenty-week series on **Galatians**?

Paul began with grace and Paul ends with \_\_\_\_\_.

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**16 And as many as walk according to this rule** [Are we going to walk under the Law or under grace?], **peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.**

**17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks** [Greek is *stigmata*; **Robertson's New Testament Word Pictures: Slaves had the names or stamp of their owners on their bodies. Wiersbe: Beware of that religious leader who . . . has no "marks" to show for his obedience to Christ**] **of the Lord Jesus.**

**18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.**

**J. Vernon McGee: Grace is a way \_\_\_\_ life and a way \_\_\_\_ life.**

**Ian McConnell: Saturday is for \_\_\_\_\_**

**Luther: In effect, he is saying, "I have taught you Christ purely. I have entreated you. I have criticized you, and I have not let anything pass that I thought profitable for you. I can say no more but that I heartily pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will bless my labor and bring fruit from it and will govern you with his Holy Spirit forever.**

**APPLY (SO WHAT IS THE POINT?)**

1. Epistles are \_\_\_\_\_
2. Grace \_\_
3. Believers are \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONALIZE (NOW WHAT DO I DO?)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ hard
2. Live in grace
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_

**Amen.**

**HOMEWORK: LIVE GALATIANS**