



GALATIANS

Chapter 1

Greetings

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle—not from men nor by man, but ^aby Jesus Christ and God the Father, ^bwho raised Him from the dead—

2 and all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia.

3 ¶ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 ^cwho gave Himself for our sins so that He might deliver us ^dfrom this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

5 to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Other Gospel

6 ¶ I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away ^efrom Him who called you into the grace of Christ to another gospel,

7 ^fwhich is not another, but there are some ^gwho are disturbing you and want to ^hpervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But even if ⁱwe 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 said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you ^jthan what you have received, let him be accursed.

10 For ^kdo I now ^lpersuade men or

God? Or ^mdo I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be the bondservant of Christ.

Revelation from God

11 ¶ But ⁿI want you to know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

12 For ^oI neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *I received it* ^pthrough the revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 ¶ For you have heard of my behavior in the past in Judaism, how beyond measure ^qI persecuted the church of God and ^rtried to destroy it.

14 And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries in my own nation, ^sbeing more extremely zealous ^tfor my ancestral traditions.

15 ¶ But when it pleased God, ^uwho separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace,

16 ^vto reveal His Son in me so that ^wI might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with ^xflesh 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.

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18 ¶ Then after three years ^yI went up to Jerusalem to see Peter. And I stayed with him fifteen days.

19 But ^zI saw none of the other apostles except ^aJames, the Lord's brother.

20 (Now the things that I write to you, *I affirm* before God *that* I do not lie.)

21 ^bAfterward, I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

22 I was *still* unknown by face to the assemblies of Judea that ^cwere in Christ,

23 but they ^donly kept hearing that he who ^epersecuted us in the past now preaches the faith that he once *tried* to destroy.

24 So they ^fglorified God in me.

Chapter 2

Visit to Jerusalem

1 ¶ Then after fourteen years ^aI went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also with *me*.

2 And I went up by revelation and communicated to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles, but ^bprivately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means ^cI run, or had run in vain.

3 But not even Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.

4 But *this happened* because of ^dfalse brethren secretly brought in, who sneaked in to spy out our ^efreedom that we have in Christ Jesus, ^fthat they

might bring us into bondage.

5 To whom we did not yield in subjection even for an hour, so that ^gthe truth of the gospel might continue with you.

6 ¶ But from those ^hwho seemed to be important—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; ⁱGod shows no partiality to man—for those who seemed *to be important* ^jcontributed nothing to me.

7 But on the contrary, ^kwhen they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision ^lwas committed to me as *the gospel* of the circumcision *was* to Peter

8 —for He who effectively worked in Peter for the apostleship to the ^mcircumcision, the same ⁿeffectively worked ^oalso in me toward the Gentiles—

9 and when James, Cephas and John, who seemed to be ^ppillars, perceived ^qthe grace that was given to me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship ^rso that we *should go* to the Gentiles and they to the circumcision.

10 *They only desired* that we remember the poor, ^swhich *thing* indeed I was eager to do.

Not Justified by Works of Law

11 ¶ But ^twhen Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to *his* face because he stood condemned.

12 For before certain *men* came from James, ^uhe ate with the Gentiles. But

y At 9:26 z 1 Co 9:5 a Mt 13:55 b At 9:30 c Rm 16:7 d At 9:20,21 e At 8:3 f At 11:18 **Chapter 2:** a At 15:2 b At 15:1-4 c Ph 2:16 d At 15:1,24 e Gl 3:25; 5:1,13 f Gl 4:3,9 g Gl 1:6; 2:14; 3:1 h Gl 2:9; 6:3 i At 10:34 j 2 Co 11:5; 12:11 k At 9:15; 13:46; 22:21 l 1 Th 2:4 m 1 Pt 1:1 n Gl 3:5 o At 9:15 p Mt 16:18 q Rm 1:5 r At 13:3 s At 11:30 t At 15:35 u At 10:28; 11:2,3

when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.

13 And the other Jews likewise joined in his hypocrisy, to the point that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

14 ¶ But when I saw that they were not straightforward about ^vthe truth of the gospel, I said to Peter ^wbefore *them* all, ^x“If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles, and not as the Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to live as the Jews?”

15 ^y“We *who are* Jews by nature and not ^zsinners among the Gentiles,

16 ^a“knowing that a man is not justified by works of law, but ^bby the faith of Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not ^cby works of law, for by works of law no flesh will be justified.

17 ¶ “But if while seeking to be justified by Christ, we ourselves are also found *to be* ^dsinners, *is* Christ therefore the minister of sin? Certainly not!

18 “For if I build again the things that I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

19 “For I ^ethrough law ^fdied to law, so that I might ^glive to God.

20 “I have been ^hcrucified with Christ. And it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. And the *life* that I now live in the flesh ⁱI live by

faith in the Son of God, ^jwho loved me and gave Himself for me.

21 “I do not nullify the grace of God, for ^kif righteousness *comes* through law, then Christ died in vain.”

Chapter 3

Law and the Curse

1 ¶ O foolish Galatians. Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ has been publicly portrayed *as* having been crucified?

2 This only I want to learn from you. Did you receive the Spirit by works of law ^aor by hearing of faith?

3 Are you so foolish, ^bhaving begun in the Spirit, you are now being completed in ^cthe flesh?

4 ^dHave you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

5 ¶ Therefore, He who provides to you the Spirit and works powerful deeds among you, *does He do it* by works of law or by hearing of faith?

6 Even so Abraham ^ebelieved God, and it was credited to him for righteousness.

7 Therefore, know *indeed* that ^fthose who are of faith, the same are the sons of Abraham.

8 And ^gthe Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached beforehand the gospel to Abraham, *saying*, ^h“*In you will all nations be blessed.*”

9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

10 ¶ For as many as are of the works

v Gl 1:6; 2:5 w 1 Tm 5:20 x At 10:28 y At 15:10 z Mt 9:11 a At 13:38,39 b Rm 1:17 c Ps 143:2 d 1 Jn 3:8 e Rm 8:2 f Rm 6:2,14; 7:4 g Rm 6:11 h Rm 6:6 i 2 Co 5:15 j Is 53:12; Ep 5:2 k Hb 7:11 **Chapter 3:** a Rm 10:16,17 b Gl 4:9 c Hb 7:16 d Hb 10:35 e Gn 15:6 f Jn 8:39 g Rm 9:17 h Gn 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14

of law are under the curse, for it is written, ⁱ“*Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things written in the book of the law to do them.*”

11 But that no one is justified by law in the sight of God *is* evident, for ^j“*the just will live by faith.*”

12 And ^kthe law is not of faith, but ^l“*the man who does them will live in them.*”

13 ¶ ^mChrist redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us, for it is written, ⁿ“*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.*”

14 ^oHe redeemed us in order that the blessing of Abraham might come on the ^pGentiles through Christ Jesus, so that we might receive ^qthe promise of the Spirit through faith.

Law and the Promise

15 ¶ Brethren, I speak in the manner of men. ^rEven though *it is* but a man’s covenant, yet *when it is* ratified, no one annuls or adds *conditions* 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 ^sone, ^t“*And to your seed,*” who is ^uChrist.

17 And this I say, *that* law, ^vwhich came four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul a covenant previously ratified by God, ^wthat it should make the promise of no effect.

18 For if ^xthe inheritance depends on law, ^y*it* no longer *depends on*

promise. But God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

19 ¶ Therefore, why *then* the law?

^zIt was added because of transgressions until the ^aSeed should come to whom the promise was made. *And it was* ^bordained through angels by the hand ^cof a mediator.

20 Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of *only* one, ^dbut God is one.

21 ¶ *So is* the law *then* against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given that could have given life, certainly righteousness would have been by law.

22 But the Scripture has confined ^eall under sin so ^fthat 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 law, being shut up to the faith that would afterward be revealed.

24 Therefore, ^gthe law was our headmaster *to bring us* to Christ ^hso that we might be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a headmaster.

Sons through Baptism

26 ¶ For you ⁱare all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For ^jas many of you as were baptized into Christ ^khave put on Christ.

28 ^lThere is neither Jew nor Greek. ^mThere is neither bondservant nor free. There is neither male nor female.

For you are all ⁿone in Christ Jesus.

ⁱ Dt 27:26 ^j Hk 2:4 ^k Rm 4:4,5 ^l Lv 18:5 ^m Rm 8:3 ⁿ Dt 21:23 ^o Gn 12:3; 22:18; Rm 4:1-5,9,16 ^p Is 49:6; Rm 3:29,30 ^q Is 32:15 ^r Hb 9:17 ^s Gn 22:18 ^t Gn 12:3,7; 13:15; 24:7 ^u 1 Co 12:12 ^v Ex 12:40 ^w Rm 4:13 ^x Rm 8:17 ^y Rm 4:14 ^z Jn 15:22 ^a Gl 4:4 ^b At 7:53 ^c Ex 20:19 ^d Rm 3:29 ^e Rm 11:32 ^f Rm 4:11 ^g Rm 10:4 ^h At 13:39 ⁱ Jn 1:12 ^j Rm 6:3 ^k Rm 10:12; 13:14 ^l Cl 3:11 ^m 1 Co 12:13 ⁿ Ep 2:15,16

29 And ^oif you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's ^pseed and ^hheirs according to the promise.

Chapter 4

1 ¶ Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ from a bondservant, though he is lord of all.

2 But he is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

3 So we also, when we were children we ^awere in bondage under the elements of the world.

4 But ^bwhen the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, ^cborn ^dof a woman, ^eborn under law,

5 *in order* ^fto redeem those who were under law, ^gso that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 ¶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth ^hthe Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father."

7 Therefore, you are no longer a bondservant, but a son; ⁱand if a son, then an heir through God.

Concern for the Galatians

8 ¶ Previously, ^jwhen you did not know God ^kyou served as bondservants those *things* that by nature are not gods.

9 But now ^lafter you have known God, or rather are known by God, ^mhow can you turn back again to ⁿthe

weak and worthless elements to which you desire again to be in bondage?

10 ^oYou observe days and months and times and years.

11 I fear for you, ^plest I have labored over you in vain.

12 ¶ Brethren, I urge you to be as I *am*, for I *am* as you *are*. ^qYou did me no wrong.

13 You know how ^rthrough physical weakness I preached the gospel to you at the first.

14 And my trial that was in my flesh you did not despise nor reject, but you received me ^sas a messenger of God, ^t*even* as Christ Jesus.

15 Where then is the blessing you *enjoyed*? For I bear you witness that if *it were* possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

16 Therefore, have I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

17 ¶ They ^uzealously recruit you, *but* not for good. Yes, they want to exclude you so that you might be zealous for them.

18 But *it is* always good to be zealous in *a good thing*, and not only when I am present with you.

19 ^vMy little children for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

20 I desire to be present with you now and to change my voice, for I am perplexed about you.

o Gn 21:10; Hb 11:18 p Rm 4:11; Gl 3:7 q Gn 12:3; 18:18; Rm 8:17 **Chapter 4:** a Cl 2:8,20 b Gn 49:10 c Jn 1:14 d Gn 3:15; Is 7:14; Mt 1:25 e Mt 5:17; Lk 2:21,27 f Mt 20:28 g Jn 1:12 h Rm 5:5; 8:9,15,16 i Rm 8:16,17 j Ep 2:12 k Rm 1:25 l 1 Co 8:3 m Cl 2:20 n Hb 7:18 o Rm 14:5 p 1 Th 3:5 q 2 Co 2:5 r 1 Co 2:3 s Mt 2:7 t Lk 10:16 u Rm 10:2 v 1 Co 4:15

Hagar and Sarah

21 ¶ Tell me, you who desire to be under law, do you not hear the law?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, ^wthe one by a bondwoman and ^xthe other by a freewoman.

23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman ^ywas born according to the flesh. But ^zhe *who was* of the freewoman was born through the promise.

24 These things are an allegory. For these are two covenants, the one from Mount ^aSinai, bringing forth *children* to bondage, which is Hagar.

25 For this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to Jerusalem that now is, and is in bondage with her children.

26 But the ^bJerusalem that is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written, ^c“*Rejoice barren woman who does not bear. Break forth and cry you who do not labor. For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband.*”

28 ¶ Now ^dwe, brethren, as Isaac, are the ^echildren of promise.

29 But as ^fhe who was born according to the flesh persecuted him *who was born* according to the Spirit, ^geven so *it is* now.

30 Nevertheless, what does ^hthe Scripture say? ⁱ“*Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for ^jthe son of the bondwoman will not be heir with the son of the freewoman.*”

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, but of the free.

Chapter 5

Set Free, Stay Free

1 ¶ ^aStand fast therefore in the freedom by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a ^byoke of bondage.

2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that ^cif you are circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

3 For I testify again to every man who is circumcised, ^dthat he is obligated to keep the whole law.

4 ^eYou have been severed from Christ, you who *seek to* be justified by law. ^fYou have fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit eagerly ^gwait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

6 For ^hin Jesus Christ neither circumcision avails anything nor uncircumcision, but ⁱfaith working through love.

7 ¶ You ^jwere running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

8 This persuasion did not *come* from the One who calls you.

9 ^kA little leaven leavens the whole lump.

10 I have confidence in you in the Lord, that you will be of no other mind. But the one troubling you will bear his judgment, whoever he is.

11 ¶ And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, ^lwhy do I still suffer persecution? Then ^mthe offense of the cross has ceased.

12 ⁿI could wish that those ^owho are troubling you would cut themselves off *from you*.

w Gn 16:15 x Gn 21:2 y Rm 9:7,8 z Hb 11:11 a Dt 33:2 b Is 2:2 c Is 54:1 d Gl 3:29 e At 3:25 f Gn 21:9 g Gl 5:11 h Gl 3:8,22 i Gn 21:10,12 j Jn 8:35 Chapter 5: a Ph 4:1 b At 15:10 c At 15:1 d Rm 2:25 e Rm 9:31 f Hb 12:15 g Rm 8:24 h Gl 6:15 i 1 Th 1:3 j 1 Co 9:24 k 1 Co 5:6 l 1 Co 15:30 m 1 Co 1:23 n Ja 7:25 o At 15:1,2

13 ¶ For you, brethren, have been called to freedom, only ^pdo not *use your freedom* as an ^oopportunity for the flesh. But ^tthrough love, serve one another.

14 For ^sall the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this, ⁱ“*You will love your neighbor as yourself.*”

15 But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you not be consumed by one another.

The Flesh and the Spirit

16 ¶ I say then, ^uwalk in *the Spirit* and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17 For ^vthe flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. And these are contrary to one another, ^wso that you cannot do the things that you desire.

18 But ^xif you are led by *the Spirit*, you are not under law.

19 ¶ Now ^ythe works of the flesh are manifest, which are: fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envyings, drunkenness, revelries, and such like, of which I tell you beforehand as I have also told *you* in the past, that ^zthose who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 ¶ But ^athe fruit of the Spirit is ^blove, joy, peace, patience, kindness, ^cgoodness, ^dfaithfulness,

^egentleness, *and* self-control. ^eAgainst such there is no law.

24 Now those who are Christ’s ^fhave crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 ^gIf we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 ^hLet us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another *or* envying one another.

Chapter 6

Obedient Faith

1 ¶ Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of ^agentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

2 ^bBear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill ^cthe law of Christ.

3 For ^dif anyone thinks himself to be something when ^ehe is nothing, he deceives himself.

4 But ^flet each one prove his own work, and then he will have *reason for boasting* in himself alone and ^gnot in another.

5 For ^heach one will bear his own load.

6 ¶ ⁱLet him who is taught the word share in all good things with the one who teaches.

7 ¶ Be not deceived. God is not mocked, for ^jwhatever 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

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Spirit reap ^keternal life.

9 And ^llet us not become weary in doing good, for in due time we will reap ^mif we do not give up.

10 ⁿTherefore, as we have opportunity, ^olet us do good to all *men*, ^pespecially to those who are of the household of the faith.

The New Creation

11 ¶ You 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, they compel you to be circumcised, ^qonly that they might not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but desire to

have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.

14 But God forbid that I should boast, except in the ^rcross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me and ^sI to the world.

15 For ^tneither circumcision accomplishes anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

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 man 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.

k Rm 6:8 l 1 Co 15:58 m Js 5:7,8 n Pv 3:27 o Ti 3:8 p Rm 12:13 q Gl 5:11 r 1 Co 1:18 s Cl 2:20 t 1 Co 7:19