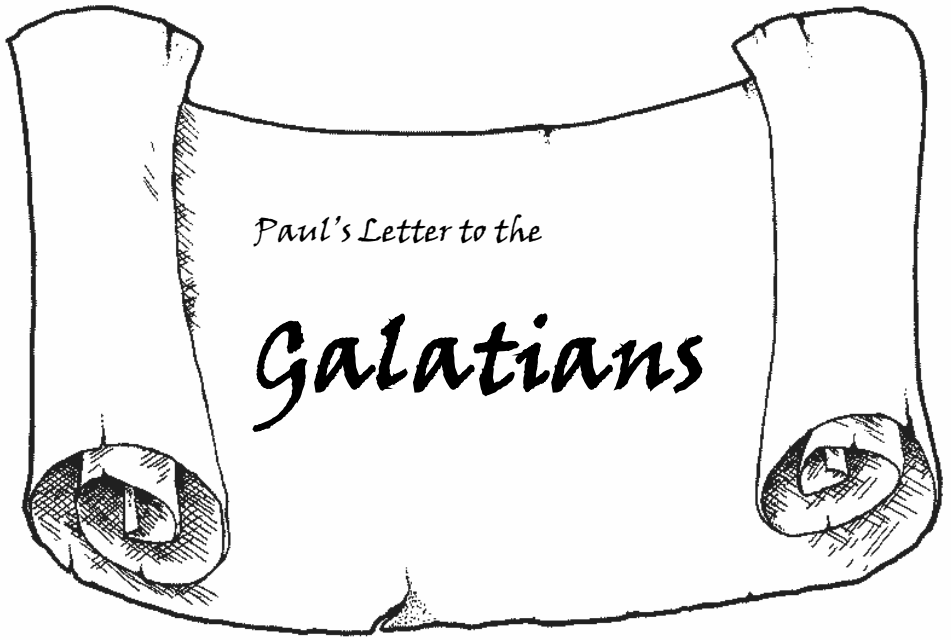




Sunday Q3—Adult Class

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Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Chapter 1: In Defense of Paul's Apostleship (Part 1)

1. What stands out from the very beginning of the letter when compared with Paul's greeting in his other letters?

What does that tell you about the content of the letter?

2. To whom is the Galatian letter addressed? How is this different from every other letter of Paul / how is that unique?

Why does that matter?

3. What was the mission of Christ, as explained in verses 3-5? Is there significance to the description "present evil age"? (4)

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4. According to verses 6-9, what is the primary reason for the letter's composition? What warning bore repeating? (8-9) What motive does Paul ascribe to those who would teach a different gospel? (10)

5. What does Paul mean when he says his Gospel is not according to man? How did Paul receive the Gospel that he preached?

6. Gal. 1:13 – 2:20 contains 3 arguments for Paul's apostleship. What is the **first argument**?

Was Paul a disciple of Jesus prior to the road to Damascus?

After becoming a disciple, where did Paul go?

How long was he there?

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How much time elapsed before he actually spent time with an apostle? Why do these questions matter?

7. Where is Syria and Cilicia? What was Paul doing there? (v. 23) What's the point?

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Provide 2 concepts, verses, ideas, points, etc. from the following chapters:

Gal. 1-

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Chapter 2: In Defense of Paul's Apostleship (Part 2)

1. How long did Paul preach before attending the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)? Why would Paul throw in that line, "by revelation"? How do these help Paul's case?

2. Verse 2 mentions a public meeting and a private meeting. What was the public meeting about? (Acts 15) What was the private meeting about? (v.2, 6-10)

3. What driving point does Paul make regarding Titus that will come up in the 2nd half of the letter? (vs. 3-5) Why, then, was Paul concerned that he might have run/preached in vain?

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4. Gal. 1:13 – 2:20 contains 3 arguments for Paul's apostleship. What is the **second argument**?

What was communicated to the apostles in private?

Were they *better* or *superior* to Paul? Did God favor them over Paul?

Could these Apostles identify, correct, or add anything to the Gospel Paul preached?

What realization did they make? Does this mean there are more than one true Gospel?

What did Peter, James, and John perceive about Paul? **What did they extend to him?**

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5. Gal. 1:13 – 2:20 contains 3 arguments for Paul's apostleship. What is the **third argument**?

Who did Paul rebuke? **What does that say about Paul's authority?**

(2nd time the 2nd-half Issue appears) What was the error Paul had to rebuke?

Who also fell into this hypocrisy?

6. How was Peter and co. not being "straightforward" about the Gospel? What did his withdrawal from the Gentile Christians clearly imply about their state before God?

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7. What contrast is made in vs. 15-19? Can these two systems be co-effective? If I appeal to one, what does the other do to me? If Christ commands and expects both, what does that make Christ? (v. 17)

8. What has Paul undergone with Christ? (v. 20) What is the result? What does he mean by that?

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Gal. 1-

Gal. 2-

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Chapter 3: Heirs According to...Promise or Pedigree?

1. What contrast is made in vs. 2-5? What is the error the Galatians had fallen into?

2. Who is the example Paul points to as his case-in-point? Why use that example?

3. What are the responsibilities and results of all who appeal to the Law of Moses for justification? Is salvation by faith communicated in the Law?

4. What had Abraham received from God in vs. 8-9, 14-18? What was Jesus' aim by dying on the cross under the Law? (1:4; 2:20; 3:13-14)

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5. Which came first; the promise to Abraham, or the Law of Moses? Which had a greater scope? Which had a more profound outcome? Can the lesser annul the greater?

6. What purpose did the Law serve? Was the Law designed to dispense justice or grace? If the Law confines “all under sin”, is the Law sin?

7. What was the role of the Law according to v. 23-25? Did it have an expiration date? (v. 25)

8. Do we become children of God by faith or the Law? How do we become a child of God by faith? Is this adoption available to a particular group? What's another name for a child of God in v. 29?

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Gal. 1-

Gal. 2-

Gal. 3-

Chapter 4: Bondage of Freedom?

1. What happened to release us from bondage? What did we receive because of Christ?

2. What state did the Galatians find themselves in again?

3. How had the Galatians initially received Paul? Have we seen this language before? Where?

4. How do we know vs. 21-31 are allegorical/symbolic?

5. What symbolically represents the bondage of the Old Law? How is this a clever reversal of the Jewish way of thinking?

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6. Briefly explain how Paul connects Christianity to Isaac and the Jewish nation to Ishmael.

7. According to Paul, how many covenants has God given? (v. 24) Why is that significant?

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Chapter 5: Liberty and Fruit

1. What is the requirement of one who seeks justification by the Law of Moses? Can Christ benefit him? (vs. 2-3)

2. What does it mean to be severed/cut off/estranged from Christ? What is the state of one who is described this way?

3. What does Paul emphasize over circumcision/uncircumcision? (v. 6; 6:15; 1 Cor. 7:19)

4. If Paul still taught circumcision (and therefore, keeping the Law), what inconsistency does he point out about how he has been treated by both the Jewish community and the Galatians?

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5. What does it mean to “walk in the Spirit” or be “led by the Spirit?” What is actively antagonistic to this?

6. What stands out about the works of the flesh compared to the fruit of the Spirit?

7. Can I practice both the works of the flesh *and* produce the fruit of the Spirit?

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Provide **4** concepts, verses, ideas, points, etc. from the following chapters:

Gal. 1-

Gal. 2-

Gal. 3-

Gal. 4-

Gal. 5-

Chapter 6: Bearing and Sharing

1. What is happening in v. 1? What is the significance of this thought following the end of Ch. 5?

2. What seemingly paradoxical illustration is used in vs. 2-5? What does that mean?

3. What point does Paul make regarding sowing and reaping? Why do you think this follows chapter 5?

4. What is significant about v. 10?

5. What is the motive Paul assigns to the false teachers? What does he point out in v. 13?

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6. What is the new creation mentioned in v. 15? Where is it found?

7. Based on Paul's argument throughout Galatians (and especially Ch. 4), who is the Israel of God in v. 16?

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Gal. 6-