

**The Epistle of Paul to the Galatians
Justification by Faith Alone**

Brief Outline of The Epistle of Paul to the Galatians

Ch 1-2 Historical and personal. The Independent Revelation -

The Gospel of Grace and its Source - Paul's Apostleship and Appeal

ch 1 Freedom from Human Agency - the Source of His Message

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The Gospel of Grace and its Sufficiency - Paul's Arguments

ch 3 Faith the Means of Blessing - Salvation by Faith

ch 4 Finality in the Gospel - Superiority of Sonship

Ch 5-6 Practical. The Invigoration of Liberty -

The Gospel of Grace and its Power - Paul's Application

ch 5 Fruitful and Free - Life of the Spirit-led Man

ch 6 Fragrant and Full - Life of a Spiritual Man

Ch 1-2 Paul defends the gospel revealed to him.

Ch 3-4 Paul documents that this revealed gospel was God's intent from the beginning

Ch 5-6 Paul demonstrates the behavioral implications of this revealed gospel.

The body of the epistle deals with three things:

- 1) Ch 1 v11-Ch2 v21. A defense of Paul's apostleship since the very message of his gospel was at stake;
 - 2) Ch 3 v1-Ch4 v31. A defense of what that message entails in terms of justification by faith since the Galatians's standing before God is at stake; and
 - 3) Ch 5 v1- Ch6 v10. A defense of Christian liberty—which grows out of justification by faith since the Galatians' walk with God is at stake.
- Ch 6: v11-18. Conclusion

Things Absent

Something of the fervency and urgency of Paul's burden can be seen in the absence of certain things which seem to otherwise characterize his writings:

No greeting

No request for prayer

No prayer for them

No commendation of them

No mention of love

No mention of the rapture

No amanuensis

Limited personal remarks. (*Grace of Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit*)

We see then there are two great issues which Paul refutes in the epistle. Both are seen by Paul as crucial to the gospel.

The first is that law keeping was necessary to salvation along with the work of Christ.

The second is that law keeping was necessary for growth and pleasing God.

Key Chapter: Ch 3. Doctrinal - Justification by faith alone

Key Verses: Ch 2. v20; *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.*

Ch 3.v11. *But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, [it is] evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*

Habakkuk 2: v4 *Behold, his soul [which] is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*

Romans 1: v17 *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

Hebrews 10: v38 *Now the just shall live by faith: but if [any man] draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

Names of people

NT:- Paul; Barnabus; Peter / Cephas. Jn 1.42. Called Cephas; James; Titus; John.

OT:- Abraham; Hagar; Isaac; Ishmael.

Use of certain words

Spirit x 16 Law x 32. Free x 4. Freewoman x 3. Liberty x 3. Gospel x 12.
Redeem. x 1. Redeemed x 1. Cross. x 3. Faith x 22. Promise x 9. Bondage x 6
Bond x 11. Flesh x 18. Abraham x 9

Ch 1-2 historical and personal

Ch 1 Freedom from human agency.

Gospel by revelation of Jesus Christ

v1-5 Opening Salutation

v1 Apostleship not of man

v2 - v3. Greetings to the Churches of Galatia

v4-v5. Purpose of Sacrifice of Christ

v6-10 Galatians Removed from The grace of Christ

v6-7 Another Gospel

v8-10. Paul denounces the error

v11-v16a. Paul's Conversion

v11-12 Gospel received by the Revelation of Christ

v13-v14. Paul's zeal in the Jews religion

v15-v16a Paul's Salvation

v16(b) -v21 No communication with main group of Apostles

v16(b) - v17 Went into Arabia

v18. Went up to Jerusalem. Saw Peter

v19 Saw James the Lord's brother

v20. The veracity of his testimony

v21-v24 God glorified in the testimony of Paul

v21-v22. Paul's early travels

v23-v24 Paul's testimony

Chapter 2**Ch 2 Freedom from human Authority****The Seal of Paul's Apostleship****v1-v10. Paul goes up to Jerusalem**

- v1 Jerusalem with Barnabus and Titus
- v2. Paul Communicated the Gospel he Taught
- v3. Titus and Circumcision Timothy acts 16
- v4- v5 False Brethren
- v6-v10 Right hand of fellowship from Apostles

v11 - v21 Confrontation between Paul and Peter

v11-v13 The dissimulation

v14 -v21 Paul's argument

- v14-v15 Peter while adopting Gentile practices was forcing Gentiles to adopt Jewish practices
- v16-v17 Justification. By Law or Faith of Jesus Christ
- v18-v19. Dead to the Law
- v20- v21 Crucified with Christ

Ch 3-4 Doctrinal. Justification by Faith Alone**Ch 3 Faith the means of blessing. Salvation by Faith alone****v1-v5 The Spiritual Beginning of the Galatians**

- v1 Disobedient to the truth
- v2-v5. The Spirit of God

v6- v16. Abraham and Faith

- v6-v7 The children of Abraham which are of faith
- v8-v9. Blessed with faithful Abraham
- v10 Under the curse
- v11-v12. The just shall live by faith
- v13. Redeemed from the curse of the law
- v14 Promise of the Spirit
- v15. The covenant confirmed
- v16. Christ the seed of Abraham

v17-v29. The Surety of the Covenant of Promise

- v17 Covenant confirmed before God
- v18-v19. The promise and the law
- v20. A mediator
- v21-v22. The law is against the promises of God
- v23-v25. The law was our schoolmaster
- v26-v29. In Christ Jesus -Abrahams seed

Chapter 4**Ch 4 Finality in the Gospel. Superiority of Sonship****v1-v7 Sons of God**

- v1-v3. Under tutors and governors
- v4-v5. Fullness of the time
- v6-v7. Heirs of God

v8-v20 Paul's concern for Galatians

v8- v10. Turning back to bondage
 v11-v14. Paul's labour in the gospel
 v15-v16. Has Paul become the enemy?
 v17-v18. Zeal contrasted
 v19-v20 Travailing in birth again

v21-v31 An Allegory

v21-v23. The law speaks
 v24-v29. Two covenants
 v30-v31. The bondwoman and the freewoman

Ch 5-6 Practical and Moral**Chapter 5****Ch 5 Fruitful and Free. Walking in the Spirit****v1-v6 Circumcision. The yoke of bondage**

v1 Liberty
 v2-v3 Debtor to the law
 v4-v6 Fallen from grace

v7-v12. Commendation and Condemnation

v7-v10 Hindered in Spiritual growth
 v11 -v12 The offence of the cross

v13-v26. The Flesh and the Spirit

v13-v15 Liberty and loved
 v16- v18 Walking in the Spirit
 v19-v21 Works of the flesh
 v22-v26 Fruit of the Spirit

Chapter 6**Ch 6 Fragrant and Full. The Spiritual Man****v1-v10. Reaping and Sowing**

v1-v2 One another
 v3-v5. Burden bearing
 v6 Communications
 v7-v10 Sowing and reaping

v11-v18 Closing review

v11 Paul authenticates the letter
 v12-v13 Persecution for the cross avoided
 v14- v15 Glory in the cross
 v16-v18 Closing Salutation