



EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS



INTRODUCTION TO LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

▶ Who were the Judaizers?

- ▶ Meaning – To live like a Jew. It was a religious group of people as opposed to describing a nation of people.
 - ▶ History – Gen 17:9-14, “It shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.”
- ▶ Their belief – That Gentiles should live like Jews, follow the Mosaic Law and Jewish customs and traditions, that is when they become a Christian.
 - ▶ Gal 2:14 – To live like Jews, follow Jewish customs or live by Jewish law (Gal 3:28)
 - ▶ Acts 15:1,5 – Teaching that Gentile Christians must be circumcised according to Law of Moses to be saved
- ▶ Philippians 3:2 – “Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision”
- ▶ Galatians 6:12-16 – Boast not in the flesh, but in the cross of Christ

▶ Gal 1:1-3 – *Paul, an Apostle through Jesus Christ and God*

▶ Paul an Apostle

▶ Not sent from men

▶ Not sent through agency of man

▶ But by Christ Jesus

▶ And of God the Father

▶ And all the brethren who are with me

▶ To the churches of Galatia

▶ Galatians 1:4-5 – *Themes of Galatians*

▶ The sacrifice of Christ

- ▶ “Who gave Himself for our sins”

- ▶ We are justified by faith in Christ rather than by the works of the Law of Moses, Galatians 3:23-29

▶ Deliverance from the present world

- ▶ “That He might deliver us out of this present evil age”

- ▶ Through the blood of Christ we are forgiven of our sins and set free from the power of evil, Hebrews 2:14-15

▶ The sovereign will of the Father

- ▶ “According to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen”

- ▶ The death and resurrection of Christ was according to God’s will alone, John 3:16, Acts 2:23

- ▶ Galatians 1:6-7 – *Any other message than the one true gospel is a perverted gospel*
 - ▶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him...
 - ▶ It's been about 3 years since he saw them when writing this
 - ▶ Judaizing teachers – Rom 16:17-18
 - ▶ To a different gospel
 - ▶ An addition to the gospel of salvation by grace through faith
 - ▶ Not authorized – Matt 7:21-24, *the will of the Father is what matters*
 - ▶ Which is not another, and they want to distort the gospel of Christ
 - ▶ They now believe a different gospel and not the true gospel
 - ▶ Eph 4:4-6 – There is one faith, only one gospel
 - ▶ 2 Cor 11:13-15 – Disguising themselves as servants of righteousness