



EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS



▶ Galatians Chapter 1 – *Recap*

- ▶ The Lord Jesus Christ, gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father – 1:4
- ▶ If anyone preaches a different gospel, let him be accursed – 1:8-9
- ▶ The gospel that Paul preached was not received from man but by way of a revelation through Jesus Christ – 1:12

▶ Galatians Chapter 2 – *Recap*

- ▶ Paul continues to defend his apostleship...
- ▶ James, Cephas and John extended the right hand of fellowship to Paul and Barnabas once they knew they were preaching the truth – 2:7-9
- ▶ Paul opposes Peter for his hypocrisy and gives stern message that justification is not by the works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us – 2:11-21

▶ Galatians Chapter 3 – *Recap*

- ▶ The Spirit doesn't come through the works of the Law but by hearing with Faith – 3:1-5
- ▶ Those under the works of the Law are under a curse since one cannot keep the Law perfectly – 3:10
- ▶ The Law was a tutor to lead us to Christ so that we may be justified by faith. We are no longer under a tutor – 3:24-25

▶ Galatians 4:1-7 – *God sent forth His Son to bring the heirs to maturity*

- ▶ While under the Law, they were held in the bondage of sin. They were still under guardians or a tutor.
- ▶ God sent his Son to redeem those under the Law and receive the adoption as sons.
- ▶ We are no longer slaves under bondage of the Law but sons of God, heir through God

▶ Galatians 4:8-16 – *Paul appeals to the Galatians*

- ▶ Now that you are known by God, how is it that you turn back to the weak and elementary things?
- ▶ You've begun to observe the Mosaic calendar system
 - ▶ Binding things that ought not to be bound – Matt 15:8-9
- ▶ Paul pleads with them to be as he is
- ▶ They were kind and caring towards Paul when he was with them. What happened to cause them to change in their love for him? Paul says: “Have I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?” – 2 Tim 4:3-4

- ▶ Galatians 4:16-20 – *False teaching affects your attitude*
 - ▶ Have I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?
 - ▶ Acts 7:54-60 They stoned Stephen because he spoke the truth
 - ▶ The Judaizing teachers appealed to them, showed concern for them that they might win them over to their ways – Eph 4:14; 2 Tim 4:3-4; 1 Jn 4:1
 - ▶ Paul is in suffering pain again because they have left the one true way, and will be until Christ is back with them
 - ▶ Paul is disappointed with them for the error they have chosen to follow

▶ Galatians 4:21-31 – *Two systems of justification*

- ▶ Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. One according to the flesh and the other, free.
- ▶ These sons represent two covenants:
 - ▶ Children of bondage or slavery like the present Jerusalem
 - ▶ Children of promise, like Isaac and the Jerusalem from above which is free
- ▶ “Cast out the bondwoman and her son!” Stand up to the Judaizing teachers and cast them out. – Gal 2:5
- ▶ We are not children of a bondwoman but of the free woman