



EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS



▶ Galatians Chapter 1 – *Key Verses*

- ▶ “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
- ▶ “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!” – 1:8
- ▶ “For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ” – 1:11-12

▶ Galatians Chapter 2 – *Key Verses*

- ▶ “But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you.” – 2:5
- ▶ “And recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, so that we might go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised” – 2:9
- ▶ “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.” – 2:20-21

▶ Galatians Chapter 3 – *Key Verses*

- ▶ “Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness” – 3:6
- ▶ “Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, The righteous man shall live by faith” – 3:11
- ▶ “Therefore, the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.” – 3:24-25
- ▶ “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to the promise.” – 3:28-29

▶ Galatians Chapter 4 – *Key Verses*

- ▶ “So also, we while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”- 4:3-5
- ▶ “But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?” – 4:9
- ▶ “So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?” – 4:16

▶ Galatians 5:1-15 – *Recap*

- ▶ Circumcision according to the Law will profit you nothing – vs 2
 - ▶ If you do this, you are obligated to keep the whole law
- ▶ You have been cut off from Christ since:
 - ▶ You seek to be justified by the Law of Moses; You gave up Christ! You have fallen away from grace! – vs 4
- ▶ Circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything in Christ, but faith working through love – vs 6
- ▶ They were called to freedom/liberty by the grace of Christ – vs 13
 - ▶ Called out of one thing and into another; Do not turn your freedom/liberty into an opportunity for the flesh; Through love, serve one another

▶ Galatians 5:13-15 – *Do not abuse your liberty in Christ*

- ▶ They were called to freedom/liberty by the grace of Christ
 - ▶ Called out of one thing and into another – 1 Col 1:9; Eph 4:1; 1 Thess 4:7; 2 Tim 1:9
 - ▶ Do not turn your freedom/liberty into an opportunity for the flesh – Rom 6:15, 13:14
 - ▶ Through love, serve one another – Phil 2:1-5
- ▶ For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, You shall love your neighbor as yourself – Matt 22:37-40; Rom 13:8-10
- ▶ Beware, take heed or take care that you are not consumed

▶ Galatians 5:16-18 – *The flesh and the spirit are opposites*

- ▶ “But I say, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh” – Rom 6:12-14
- ▶ The flesh sets its desire against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh, they are opposite, they don't go together
 - ▶ So that you may not do the things that you please – 2 Pet 1:10-11
- ▶ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law – Gal 3:2,5; 1 Jn 1:6-7

▶ Galatians 5:19-21 – *Sins of sexual impurity*

▶ Adultery

- ▶ Illicit intercourse with someone other than one's spouse

▶ Fornication – Also translated Immorality

- ▶ All unlawful sexual intercourse both of the married as well as of the unmarried. It includes the sin of sodomy, lesbianism, incest, etc.

▶ Uncleaness – Also translated Impurity

- ▶ Anything that is associated with the sins of sexual impurity, whether in the meditations of the heart, the language used, or the places visited, should be abstained by one seeking sexual cleanliness

▶ Sensuality/Lasciviousness/ Unbridled Lusts/Lewdness/Debauchery

- ▶ It describes those acts which tend to produce lewd emotions and actions. The absence of restraint, licentiousness, indecency, and wantonness are all words that fit the idea of lasciviousness. Filthy words, indecent bodily movements, and unchaste handling of males and females

▶ Galatians 5:19-21 – *Sins of false religion*

▶ Idolatry

- ▶ The worship of false gods, the worship of anything other than the one true God

▶ Witchcraft – Also translated sorcery

- ▶ Witchcraft is from the Greek word (pharmakeia) meaning “pharmacy” is derived because it referred to the use of administering of drugs. In its earlier use it came to include “sorcery” whose practitioners used various herbs or drugs to produce mind-altering effects. They claimed supernatural powers, but sorcery was condemned as an abomination unto the Lord – Deut. 18:10-12

▶ Galatians 5:19-21 – *Sins of against brotherly love*

▶ Hatred – Also translated Enmities

▶ The opposite of love. The attitude toward another and treats one as his enemy

▶ Variance – Also translated Strife/Discord

▶ The result of enmity or hatred. The root idea means to cut apart, to divide in two

▶ Emulations – It carries the idea of Jealousy

▶ That bitter feeling excited by another's possession of good

▶ Wrath – Also know as Outbursts of Anger

▶ The type of anger that is characterized by “fits of rage” or “outbursts of anger”

▶ Galatians 5:19-21 – *Sins of against brotherly love*

▶ Strife – Also translated Disputes

- ▶ Selfish ambition, self seeking, rivalry and faction. Party making, seeking to win followers

▶ Seditious – Also translated Dissensions

- ▶ A standing apart, division

▶ Heresies – Also translated Factions

- ▶ The adherence to a religious opinion that is contrary to the truth. A self-willed opinion that leads to division and the formations of sects

▶ Envy's or Envy

- ▶ The feeling of displeasure producing by witnessing or hearing of the advantage of prosperity of others. Similar to jealousy however envy desires to deprive another of what he has where jealousy desires to have the same thing

▶ Murder

▶ Galatians 5:19-21 – *Sins of Excess*

▶ Drunkenness

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▶ Reveling – Also translated Carousing's

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▶ Galatians 5:21-b – *Consequence of the works of the flesh*

- ▶ They shall not inherit the Kingdom of God
 - ▶ Paul had told them these things before and not warns them again
 - ▶ They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God
 - ▶ There's nothing situational about these things, if you are doing them, engaged in them, or practice the works of the flesh, you will not go to heaven
- ▶ How would it be possible for someone who has been engaged in the deeds or works of the flesh?
 - ▶ Acts 2:38; 1 Cor 6:9-11
 - ▶ Those Christians who sin are to repent and confess their sins before God – Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:6-10