



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 – *Key Verses*

- ▶ “You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.” vs 4
- ▶ “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love” – vs 6
- ▶ “For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” – vs 13
- ▶ “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.” – vs 16
- ▶ “Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” – vs 24

▶ 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”

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▶ 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

▶ Galatians 5:22 – *The fruit of the Spirit*

- ▶ The word “fruit” is singular

- ▶ Described as one unit, like a cluster, yet it has many characteristics. All these graces spring from a common source and are to be attained in entirety. The absence of any single quality mars the perfection of the whole.

- ▶ The fruit is “of the Spirit”

- ▶ These are characteristics of godliness. The development of these attitudes is the result of taking into our heart the “sword of the Spirit which is the word of God”, Eph 6:17. Putting on these characteristics is equivalent to “walk in the Spirit” 5:16

▶ Galatians 5:22-23 – *Characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit*

▶ Love

- ▶ Active good-will. This is the foundation for the rest, “the bond of perfection” Col 3:14. The other qualities of the fruit of the Spirit that are specified in this list flow out of this kind of love

▶ Joy

- ▶ The spirit of glad-heartedness. Not merely the result of outward circumstances but is the result of having the forgiveness of sins, the promise of heaven and the confidence that God will provide the necessities of this life

▶ Peace

- ▶ Lasting joy and peace have their source in God, and only in Him can they be maintained. They are not human qualities, but are the “fruit of the Spirit.”

▶ Galatians 5:22-23 – *Characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit*

▶ Longsuffering – Also translated Patience

- ▶ The ability to endure continual provocation without losing temper or expressing itself in passionate anger

▶ Gentleness – Also translated Kindness

- ▶ A benevolent disposition that desires the welfare of others, even those who try our patience.

▶ Goodness

- ▶ This is love in action. It not only desires the welfare to another; it acts with uprightness of heart in reaching out with benevolence, helping others in their time of need.

▶ Faith or Faithfulness – In this context it means Belief or Trust

- ▶ Loyalty, integrity and sincerity. Steadfast obedience to God

▶ Galatians 5:22-23 – *Characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit*

▶ Meekness

- ▶ Also translated Gentleness but is different from the previous word “Gentleness” that is also translated “Kindness.” This word is closely linked with humility but is not to be confused with cowardly or spineless acceptance.

▶ Temperance – Also translated as Self-Control

- ▶ This may be the crown of the virtues mentioned here as opposed to the “works of the flesh.” One must have dominion over his passions, thoughts, and desires.

▶ Against such there is no law

- ▶ In contrast to the works of the flesh which bring condemnation, these graces are not forbidden by any law. These virtues that come through being led by the Spirit are the truest fulfillment of the law

- ▶ Galatians 5:24-26 – *You who are spiritual, Bear one another's burdens*
 - ▶ You have crucified the flesh – vs 24
 - ▶ When one obeys the gospel of Christ, it's passions and desires of the flesh are crucified and nailed to the cross – Gal 2:20
 - ▶ “If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit”
 - ▶ Matt 7:16-20 – You will know them by their fruits.
 - ▶ Do not desire vain glory or become boastful
 - ▶ Haughtiness and conceit stirs up competition that provokes, challenges and irritates others to anger and envy. This attitude must not be found among those led by the wisdom from above – James 3:14-18

▶ Galatians 6:1-2 – *You who are spiritual, Bear one another's burdens*

- ▶ Christians do stumble and get caught up in sin – Heb 3:12-14
- ▶ Restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness – Rom 15:1-3
- ▶ Consider yourself, so that you too will not be tempted
- ▶ Bear one another's burdens – Rom 12:15
- ▶ And so fulfill the law of Christ – Matt 7:15