

An Overview of Galatians

The book of Galatians is a call for freedom from the law. Paul writes to the church in Galatia because they have so quickly abandoned and turned away from the gospel they originally received with joy. The Judaizers had come into the church at Galatia, preaching circumcision and trying to put the church back under the yoke of the law. Paul writes to remind the church that God's grace is the only means to be justified by faith in Christ Jesus.

- Paul's letter to the Galatians is written after the 1st church council.
- What was the ruling of the church council? Acts 15: 20-22, 28 & 29.

In Galatians chapter 1: Paul reprimands the church for turning from the gospel message so quickly. Verse 6 "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel."

- Can you explain Paul's disappointment with the church? (6-9)

Why did Paul feel it necessary to review his credentials with the church? (15-19)

In Galatians chapter 2: Paul opposes Peter and the brethren who had distanced themselves from the Gentiles, and fell back into Jewish customs.

- Explain the heated discourse between Peter and Paul. (11-14)
- How do we frustrate the grace of God? (17-21)

In Galatians chapter 3: Paul ask the Galatians "who hath bewitched you?" Why would Paul use the term bewitched?

- How did Christ redeem the church from the curse of the law? (10-13)
- Explain why the law is not cursed. (10)

In Galatians 4: Paul addresses spiritual adoption.

- What is spiritual adoption? (5-7)
- What was Paul's relationship with the Galatian church? (19)

In Galatians 5: Paul describes how circumcision has no effect, and that Christ has made free from the law. Paul's message is that the church be not entangled again in bondage.

- What's the difference between the law and grace? (3-6)

- How do we fulfill the law? (14)
- What are the works of the flesh? (19-21)
- What are the fruit of the Spirit? (22 *23)

In Galatian 6: Paul discusses how the church can restore a fallen member.

- Is every person in the church “Spiritual”? (1)
- What is spiritual maturity?