

Galatians: The Gospel of Grace = Free from the Law
A Survey of the Bible

Context: Who, Where, When, and Why?

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- Who composed Galatians?
- Who was the original audience of Galatians?
- When and where was Galatians written?
- Why was Paul writing?

Content: How and What?

- *How is Galatians organized?*

Introduction: Greeting and Background ([1:1-9](#))

Personal: Defense of Paul's Authority (1:10-2:21)

- Thesis: My message comes from Christ. ([1:10-12](#))
- Defense: I am independent of others. ([1:13-2:21](#))

Main Idea: Justification Comes through Faith in Christ ([2:15-21](#))

Doctrinal: Defense of Justification by Faith (3:1-4:31)

- Thesis: The Gospel is of faith not law. ([3:1-5](#))
- Defense: Scripture and Human Experience. ([3:6-4:31](#))

Practical: Defense of Christian Liberty (5:1-6:10)

- Thesis: We are free in Christ. ([5:1](#))
- Application: Live in freedom. ([5:2-6:10](#))

Conclusion: Summary, Exhortation, and Benediction ([6:11-18](#))

- *What is the message of Galatians?*

Conviction: So What?

- Where does Galatians fit?
 - Galatians is the first letter that Paul writes and it is a passionate defense of the Gospel of Grace.
 - This is Paul's most intense letter. He uses many extreme emotional terms to communicate his significant concern. Yet this is a well-reasoned presentation of the Gospel of Grace.
 - Behind Romans, this is the most significant of all of Paul's books from establishing his theology of Grace.
- What should we believe?
 - Salvation is by grace through faith in the finished and complete work of Christ.
 - Fighting for the truth of the gospel of grace is essential.
 - Sanctification comes as a response to already present grace and not as a result of effort to follow the rules. The Spirit plus grace transforms, while effort plus rules enslaves.
- How should we behave?
 - Passionately defending the gospel of grace.
 - Consistently embracing the power of the Holy Spirit to transform us into the image of Christ.
 - "Keeping in Step with the Spirit" on a daily basis, knowing that the Holy Spirit always points us to Christ, His Gracious Gift and His Righteous Life.

Next Steps

- Fight boldly and relentlessly for the truth of the Gospel of Grace.
- Keep in Step with the Spirit and refuse to be enslaved by a religion of rules.
- Judge your spiritual growth by the fruit of the Spirit and not the efforts to be religious.

This Week's Growth Guide

God's Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- **Monday** - [Galatians 1:1-9](#)
- **Tuesday** - [Galatians 2:15-20](#)
- **Wednesday** - [Galatians 3:1-5](#)
- **Thursday** - [Galatians 3:6-19](#)
- **Friday** - [Galatians 5:1-12](#)
- **Saturday** - [Galatians 5:13-26](#)
- **Sunday** - [Galatians 6:1-10](#)

Home Church

Our Home Churches meet weekly to facilitate quicker relational depth, study the same passage taught Sunday to help apply Scripture in the context of community, and pray with one another. *Home Church helps our body seek God's best for one another.*

Home Church Questions

- 1 What did you learn from Ken's presentation of Galatians that convicts you or challenges you?
2. Jesus gave himself "to deliver us from this present evil age" ([1:4](#) ESV). What are the dangers we face as Christians in our age and how can they threaten our faith?
- 3 Paul understood his life as being set apart before he was born. What difference does it make to know that God set you apart for His purposes? As practical as you can make it, what does it mean for the righteous to live by faith ([3:11](#))?
5. Among the various fruit of the Spirit ([5:22-23](#)), which one do you find the hardest? Why?
- 6 What danger do we face in our society resulting from "conceit" and "envy" ([5:26](#))?
7. What is your personal take-away from the book of Galatians? What steps can you take in response?

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Finances

Weekly Budget	32,692
Giving For 03/31	21,813
Giving For 04/07	48,529
YTD Budget	1,340,385
Giving	1,440,465
OVER/(UNDER)	100,080

Mobile Pack | April 25 | 6-8 PM

Let's join together, put on our hairnets, and make a Kingdom impact by packaging meals for children around the world. Tacos4Life is sponsoring a mobile pack with Feed My Starving Children to send food and the Gospel to children in need. Fellowship has blocked off 200 spots Thursday evening so we can serve together as a church body in this meaningful way. *To reserve your spots, go to fellowshipconway.org/register.*

New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you chose to worship with our Fellowship Family this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the "Connect Card" and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium; we would love to say "hi" and give you a gift.

Easter offering update

Thank you so much for your generous giving to the Easter Offering to update the bathrooms and atrium, while making the space better for ministry. There is still time to give. Offering envelopes are at each basket by the doors, or you can give online at fellowshipconway.org/give.

Fellowship on the Lawn | April 28 | 4:30 p.m.

Bring your camp chairs, blankets, and tents to enjoy time in community with the entire Fellowship Family. The kids will be able to play on the playground and there will be two different inflatables, one for older elementary kids and one for the younger. There will be three food trucks: offering adult meals from \$8-12 and kid meals from \$5-7 complete with a main course, side, and drink, and Kona Ice.

Invest in the Next Generation

We are wrapping up the school year and preparing to head into summer. We are ending our three year journey through the Bible and we need you to help us do that. Our children are ready to learn about and worship Jesus. We have positions beginning in the nursery all the way up through fourth grade. Come be a part of laying that foundation of faith for our kids. Contact Heather today at hmckinney@fellowshipconway.org.

Women's Summer Study

Join us for "To the praise of His Glory," a 6 week study of Ephesians led by Heather Harrison. The study starts June 4th, Tuesday nights from 6-8:00 p.m. here at Fellowship. For child care, text Shanna at 501-336-0332. Register at fellowshipconway.org/register.

Prayer

Fellowship places a high value on prayer. After the message, members of our prayer team will be under "Hope" and "Love" for anyone who would like to be prayed for this morning. A team member will walk into the hall with you to pray with you. Thank you for letting us engage the Lord together in prayer.