GALATIANS

You Are Free!



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Questions Answered



- Who wrote it? Paul
- Who was it written to? Galatian believers
- Where was it written from? Syrian Antioch
- When was it written? A.D. 49
- Why was it written? Counteract the Judaizers teaching sanctification by works

3 Phases of Salvation



- **Justification**: freedom from sin's penalty
- **Sanctification**: freedom from sin's power
- **Glorification**: freedom from sin's presence

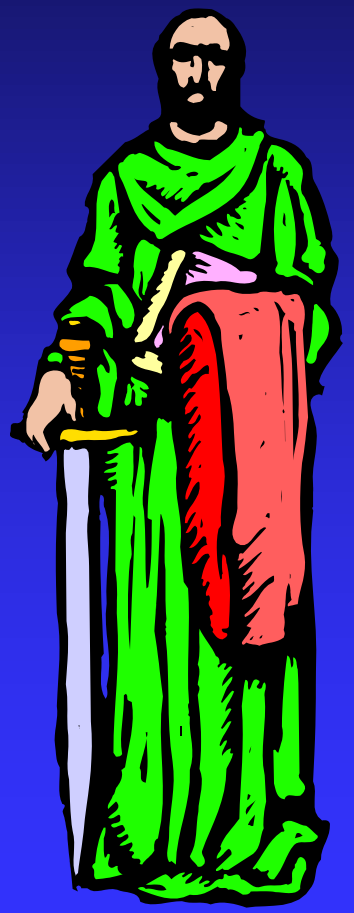
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- What is inside? Autobiography, doctrine, application
- What is it about? Sanctification attained the same way as justification
- How does the book apply to daily life? How to be holy

Introduction (Gal 1:1-10)

- Greeting (Gal 1:1-2)
- Gospel (Gal 1:3-5)
- Denunciation (Gal 1:6-10)

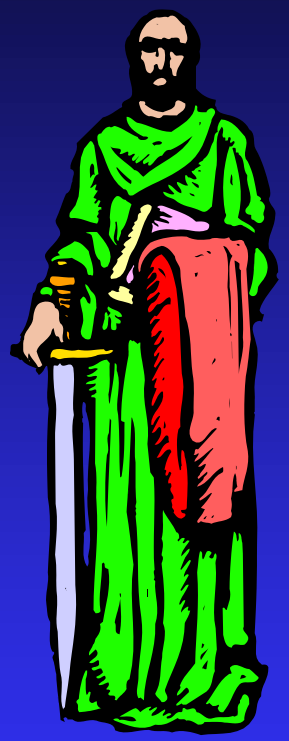


Why Was It Written? Occasion

- Ad hominem attack against Paul
  - Acts 1:21-22
  - Apostleship (1 Cor 15:8-9)



Paul Defends His Apostleship (Gal 1:11—2:21)



- Independence (Gal 1:11-24)
- Interdependence (Gal 2:1-10)
- Rebuke of a lead apostle (Gal 2:11-21)

What is Inside? Structure

- 1–2: Autobiographical section
- 3–4: Doctrinal section
- 5–6: Practical section



Gal 3:1-5 Outline

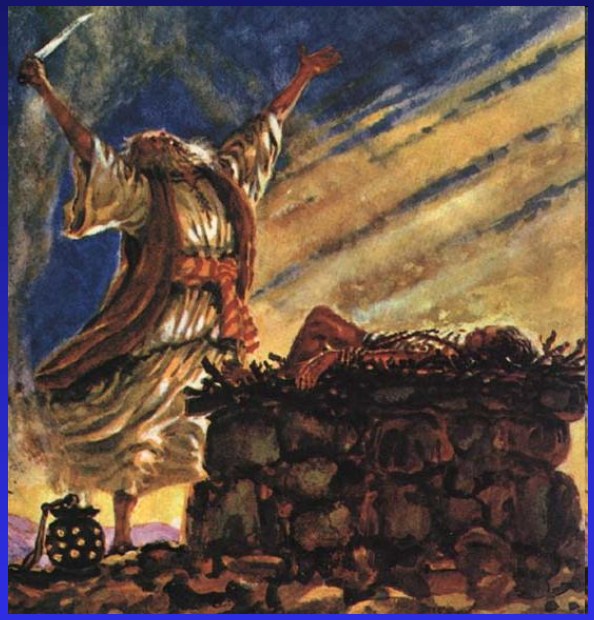


- I. The charge (3:1)

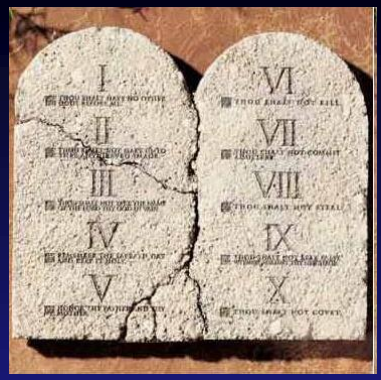
- II. The questions (3:2-5)
  - A. How did you receive the Spirit? (2)
  - B. Are you now being perfected by the flesh? (3)
  - C. Have you suffered so much in vain? (4)
  - D. On what basis does God work miracles among you? (5)

Gal 3:6-9 Outline

- I. The pattern of Abraham (3:6)
- II. The progeny of Abraham (3:7)
- III. The purpose of Abraham (3:8)
- IV. The promise of Abraham (3:9)



Gal 3:10-25 Outline



- I. The Law's inability to justify (3:10-12)
- II. Christ redeemed us from the Law's curse (3:13-14)
- III. The Law does not nullify faith (3:15-18)
- IV. The purpose of the Law is to lead us to Christ (3:19-25)

The Privileges of Adulthood (3:26-29)

- 26-Sons of God
- 27-Baptism into Christ
- 28-One with other Christians
- 29-Children of Abraham



Gal 3–4 Overview

- 3: Doctrine explained
- 4: Doctrine illustrated



Gal 4 Overview

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  - Domestic (1-11)
  - Personal (12-20)
  - Biblical (21-31)



Mother	Hagar	Sarah
Mother's status	Slave	Free
Child	Ishmael	Isaac
Birth order	1st	2nd
Scripture	Gen 16	Gen 21
Birth	Natural	Supernatural
Work	Man	God
Accomplished	Works	Faith
Covenant	Mosaic	Abrahamic
City	Earthly Jerusalem	Heavenly Jerusalem
Salvation	By the Law	By faith
Result	Slavery	Freedom

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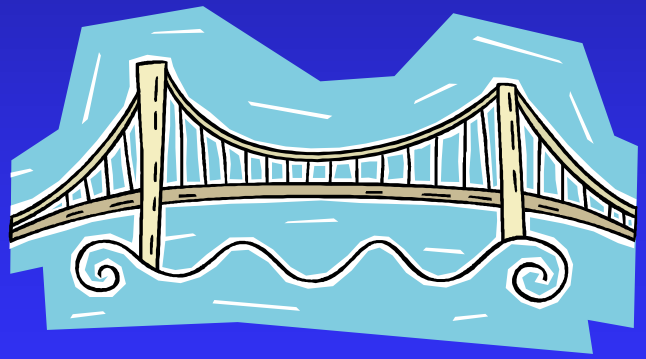
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Galatians 5:1

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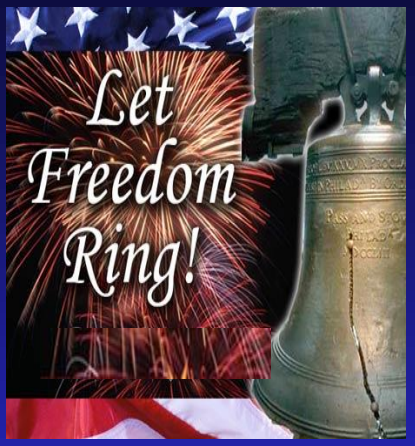
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Gal 5 Overview

- 4: Balance in the Christian Life
  - No to legalism (1-12)
  - No to license (13-15)
  - Yes to the Spirit (16-26)



Gal 5:13-15 Overview



- Our calling to freedom (5:13a)

- What we are free to do (5:13b-15):
  - To oppose the flesh (13b)
  - To love one another (13c)
  - To serve one another (13d)
  - To fulfill God's moral Law (14)
  - To not harm others (15)

Our Calling to Freedom (5:13a)



- Not to slavery to the Law
- Biblical freedom is not license
- Freedom to do good

Freedom to Oppose the Flesh (5:13b)

- Our former enslavement to the sin nature
- The sin nature has been defeated but not annihilated
- We should not yield to the sin nature



Freedom to Love One Another (5:13c)

- Attitudes as well as actions
- 1 Peter 1:22
- *Agapē*



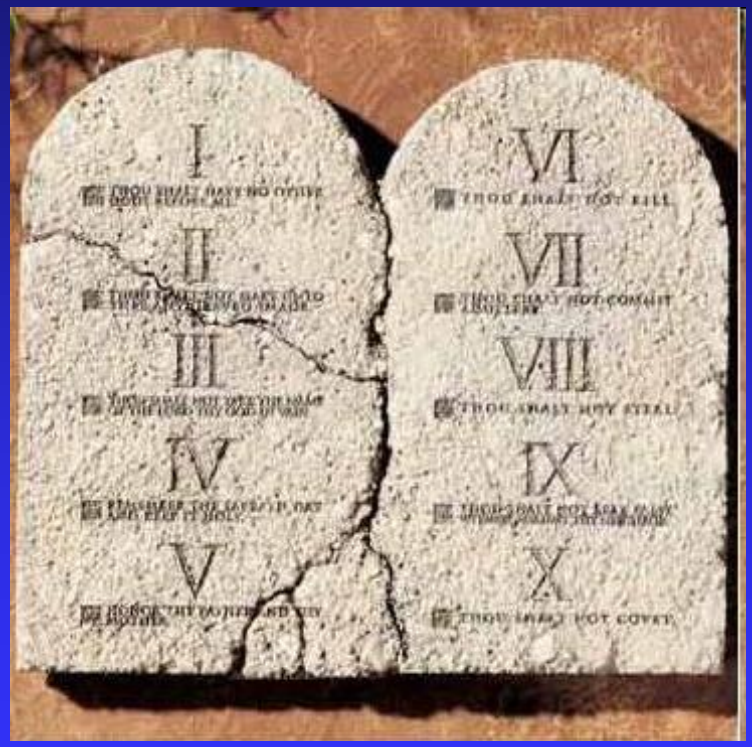
Freedom to Serve One Another (5:13d)

- How do I know that I love the brethren?
- Attitudes translates into actions
- 1 John 3:16-17; John 13:15



Freedom to Fulfill God's Moral Law (5:14)

- The grace-filled life automatically fulfills the Law
  - Vertically-Deut 6:5
  - Horizontally-Lev 19:18



- Paul is not *antinomian*

Freedom to Avoid Harming One Another (5:15)



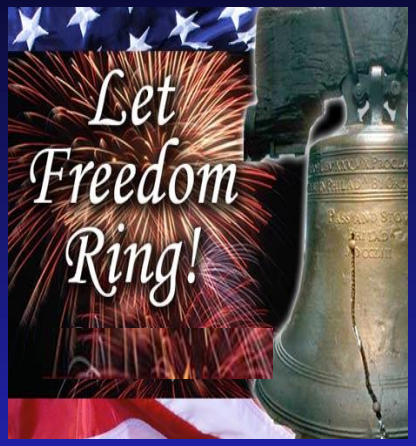
- Flesh (13b)
- Flesh's desire is to harm others (Mark 7:20-23; Jas 4:1-2)
- Christians fulfilling the flesh attack one another

Gal 5:13b-15 Review



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