

The background of the image is a scenic landscape featuring ancient stone ruins on a grassy hillside. Several tall, weathered columns and a partial archway are visible, set against a backdrop of rolling green hills and distant mountains. The sky is a vibrant blue with scattered white clouds, and a bright sun in the upper left corner creates a strong lens flare and illuminates the scene. The overall mood is one of historical grandeur and natural beauty.

THE BOOK OF
GALATIANS
THE GOSPEL OF GRACE: CHRIST IS ENOUGH

Galatians 5:16-26

Root and Fruit

Walking in Love

Recap

Gal. 5:14 = Love God -> Love Others

(Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:36–40;
John 13:34–35; 1st Cor. 13; 1st John 4:19)

BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit changes what we love, how we live, and how we treat one another.

(Matt. 22:36–40; John 13:34–35; Jer. 31:31–34; Ezek. 36:26–27; Rom. 8:3–4.)

1. THE BATTLE FOR OUR HEARTS

Walk by the **Spirit**.

Do not gratify the **flesh**.

περιπατέω (peripateō) = a way of life

(Gal. 5:16–18; Rom. 8:5–13;
James 4:1–3)

Love God. Love others.

God commands us to **love**.

His Spirit **transforms** our hearts.

This is what we've been waiting for...

(Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Jer. 31:31–34; Ezek.
36:26–27; Matt. 22:36–40; Rom. 5:5)

2. The fruit reveals the heart

Enmity. Strife. Jealousy. Anger.
Rivalry. Factions. Envy.

The flesh damages love —
and divides the church.

(Gal. 5:15, 19–21; 1 Cor. 6:9–11;
Jas. 4:1–3)

The fruit of the Spirit (1 or 9?)

Love

• Joy • Peace • Patience

Kindness • Goodness • Faithfulness

Gentleness • Self-control

(Gal. 5:22–23; 1 Cor. 13:4–7;
Col. 3:12–14)

3. Keep in step with the Spirit

Belong to Christ.

Crucify the flesh.

Follow the Spirit.

στοιχέω (stoicheō) = keep in line/in step

(Gal. 5:24–25; Rom. 8:13–14;
Gal. 6:16)

The Takeaway

Love **God** — Draw near.

Love others — Take one step.

Walk by the **Spirit** — Depend and obey.

Reject conceit, provoking, and envy

(Gal. 5:26; Phil. 2:3–5; John 15:4–5;
1 Jn. 3:18; Gal. 6:1–2)

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BOOK THEME

The gospel doesn't merely forgive sinners; it transforms them into people who increasingly look like Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit, producing the spiritual fruit that legalism can never manufacture.

"Grace Alone. Faith Alone. Christ Alone."

Galatians Answers 2 Questions:

1. How is someone made right with God?
2. How do we grow and continue living as Christians?

Key Verses: Gal. 2:19-21; 5:16-25

THE REDEMPTION STORY: FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION

- The Bible is **one** beautiful story of **Jesus** and redemption (**Ephesians 1:7-10**)
- Scripture presents a purposeful narrative revealing God's **redemptive plan** (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)

From Genesis to Galatians

- Genesis introduces the promise.
- Galatians explains how that promise is fulfilled through Christ—not through the Law. (Gen. 3:15; Gal. 3:16-29; Eph. 1:7–10; Heb 11:13–16)

Overview

Galatians

The Gospel Defended (1–2)

The Gospel Explained (3–4)

The Gospel Applied (5–6)

The Crisis in Galatia

1. Paul preached the Gospel of grace.
2. The Galatians received Christ.
3. False teachers added Law and performance.
4. The churches began drifting.
5. Paul writes while there is still time to stop it...

GALATIANS and HISTORY

"The Magna Carta of Christian Liberty"

Luther called it "my epistle." He never found peace through religious practices — until **Galatians** reminded him that sinners are justified by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Called "a founding document of the Reformation".

Catching Up

1. Jesus died and rose again
2. Paul persecuted the Church
3. Jesus confronted him on the Damascus Road
4. Paul got saved and changed
5. Barnabas welcomed him

Catching Up (cont.)

6. Antioch became the missionary sending church (**Acts 13**)
7. Churches planted in Galatia (**Acts 14**)
8. False teachers arrived after Paul left.
9. The mail arrives.... **Boom, Roasted.**

Around A.D. 47–48, the Spirit and the Church called Paul and Barnabas to carry the gospel into modern-day Turkey.

Acts 13:2–3

"The Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul.'"

Acts 14:19–20

In Lystra, Paul was stoned and dragged from the city, "supposing that he was dead."

These churches were planted through suffering.



1st Missionary Journey: Galatians

Saul and Barnabas sent out by Antioch

Acts 13:1-3

Paul preaches; jealous Jews stir up

opposition Acts 13:14-15

They stay a long time; but a Gentile plot on their lives forces them on. Acts 14:1-7

Galatia at a Glance

1. **Region** - not a City, a network of churches.
2. Located in modern-day central **Turkey**.
3. Settled by **Celtic** (Gallic) tribes around 278 BC. Roman in 25 BC.