

The background of the image is a photograph of ancient stone ruins, likely the Temple of Apollo in Side, Turkey. The ruins consist of several tall, fluted columns and a paved walkway made of large stone tiles. The scene is set on a grassy hillside overlooking a vast, green valley with rolling hills and distant mountains. The sky is a vibrant blue with scattered white clouds, and the sun is shining brightly from the upper left, creating a warm, golden light across the scene.

THE BOOK OF **GALATIANS**

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE: CHRIST IS ENOUGH

Galatians 3:10-14

The Just Shall Live By Faith

Empowered By God's Grace

Why is Grace Difficult?

- What causes people to want to “earn it”?
- Why is it hard to need grace?

Control, Pride, and Fear work against it.

Why is Grace Difficult?

Receiving God's grace requires you to:

1. Understand that you desperately need it and were made to receive it.
2. Fully trust Him. Rest in the fact that He gives it as He says He does in Jesus.

Rules Exist Where Relationship Doesn't

Trading in Relationship for Rules

happens when:

- We are afraid God will reject us.
- We lose faith/trust in Jesus' sacrifice.
- Jesus+ false gospels deceive us.

False Gospels & False Beliefs

- Lead the sheep astray.
- Cause us to believe Jesus isn't enough.
- Steal our fruitfulness, joy, and hope.
- Lead us to believe that God does not love us.

Galatians 3:10-14 ESV

(10) For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

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(11) Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

(12) But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.”

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(13) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— (14) so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

The Big Idea - Galatians 3:10-14

The working of the law brings and reveals the curse of sin. We cannot be justified by good works; we are justified alone in Christ. He perfectly kept the law on our behalf because we could not. By Grace through faith, we receive His blessing.

UNDER the Curse - Working the Law

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“Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.”

Deuteronomy 27:26

UNDER the Curse

The Law does not give grace by nature; it does not give out bonuses for keeping it; it measures perfectly and finds us wanting.

God gives grace through faith in Jesus Christ; the working of the law only produces condemnation and self-reliance.

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The Just Shall Live By Faith

Righteousness does not come by the works of the law; it comes by faith.

Trust and relationship with God through Christ.

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Our Tension as Believers:

The “Gospel Gap”

“Who we are vs. who we want to be”

In Christ, we are forgiven, accepted, and loved. We are called to approach the gap with reliance on Christ, humility, and faith.

(2 Cor 5:17; 1 Jh 1:9-10; John 15)

Recognizing Legalism in Your Life

- Grieved by sin, not because it offends God, but because it makes YOU look bad.
- Unwillingness to admit when you are wrong, or justifying your sinful behavior as not sinful.
- Holding others to a standard you yourself cannot hold.
- Difficulty forgiving, because you don't even allow yourself to be forgiven.

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Redemption

3084 lytróō (cognate with 3083/lytron, "a ransom-price") – properly, to release (set free) by paying the full ransom; "to release, on receipt of ransom" (Vine); (figuratively) to restore "something back, into the possession of its rightful owner – i.e. rescuing from the power and possession of an alien possessor"

A Sign of God's Curse - Deut. 21:22-23

“And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. You shall not defile your land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance.”

Christ - The Propitiation For Our Sins

Jesus was cursed for us.

He took our curse, the curse of the law, upon Himself, that we, in Him, receive His reward.

(Isa 53, 1Jh 2:1-2: 2 Cor 5:21)

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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...

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

Abide in Christ

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself... neither can you, unless you abide in me... apart from me you can do nothing.”

—John 15:4–5

(Ps. 1:1–3; Col. 2:6–7)

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)

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.

Recap: Galatians 1:1–10

- The gospel rests on God's authority and Christ's resurrection (1:1–2)
- It begins with grace not works (1:3–5)
- There is only one (1:6–7)
- It is worth fighting for (1:8–9)
- Live for the approval of Christ (1:10)

The Law Reveals

“By works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”

—Rom. 3:20

(Rom. 7:7, 12–13; Gal. 3:19)

4. Crossroads — Where cultures, commerce, and ideas collided.
5. Diverse — Celts, Greeks, Romans, and Jews lived together.
6. Religious — Paganism, emperor worship, and Judaism all competed for hearts.
7. Earliest New Testament letter?