

The background of the image is a photograph of ancient stone ruins, likely a Roman temple or forum, situated on a grassy hillside. Several tall, fluted columns stand prominently, some with their capitals intact. A paved stone path leads through the ruins towards the right. In the distance, a vast valley with rolling green hills and small settlements is visible under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The sun is high in the sky, creating a strong lens flare effect in the upper left corner.

THE BOOK OF **GALATIANS**

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE: CHRIST IS ENOUGH

Galatians 5:1–15

FREE TO BE FREE

BIG IDEA

Christ set us free—
not to earn, but to love.

(Gal. 5:1, 6, 13)

TWO DISTORTIONS

Legalism: I must earn acceptance.

License: I can live for myself.

TRUTH =

Grace: I am free to love & obey.

(Gal. 5:1, 13; Rom. 6:1–2)

1. STAND FIRM IN FREEDOM

Christ has set us free.

Therefore, stand firm.

Gal. 5:1–6

PAID IN FULL

We do not keep paying a debt
that Jesus already paid.

(Gal. 5:1; Col. 2:13–14)

CIRCUMCISION AND THE GOSPEL

The covenant sign was not the issue.
Trusting it for justification was.

(Gen. 17:10–11; Gal. 5:2–4; Acts 15:1)

THE WHOLE LAW

Seeking justification by Law
obligates one to the whole Law.

(Gal. 5:3; Jas. 2:10)

FALLEN FROM GRACE

Do not trade Christ's sufficiency
for self-justification.

(Gal. 5:4; 2:16, 21)

FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE

Neither circumcision nor its absence counts—only faith working in love.

(Gal. 5:5–6; Eph. 2:8–10)

2. STAY FAITHFUL

You were running well.

Who hindered you?

Gal. 5:7–12

ONE DEGREE OFF COURSE

A small addition to the gospel
changes the destination.

(Gal. 5:7–9; Gal. 1:6–9)

THE OFFENSE OF THE CROSS

The cross says:

We cannot make ourselves righteous.

(Gal. 5:11; 1 Cor. 1:18, 23)

DEFEND TRUTH WITH LOVE

The gospel is worth defending.

People are not enemies to devour.

(Gal. 5:12–15; Eph. 4:15)

3. SERVE ONE ANOTHER

You were called to freedom.

Through love serve one another.

Gal. 5:13–15

FREEDOM IS NOT LICENSE

Do not turn grace into
an opportunity for the flesh.

(Gal. 5:13; Rom. 6:15)

THE TOWEL AND THE THRONE

Jesus knew who He was—
and washed His disciples' feet.

(John 13:3–5; Gal. 5:13)

DOULEUŌ — SERVE

δουλεύω (douleuō)

Through love, serve one another.

(Gal. 5:13; BDAG, s.v. δουλεύω)

LOVE IN ACTION

When no one is watching,
will I serve someone else?

(Gal. 5:13–15; 1 John 3:18)

THE TAKEAWAY

Find one person to serve this week.

Meet a need.

Make a sacrifice.

Expect nothing in return.

Be motivated by Love of God and others

(Gal. 5:13–14; 1 John 3:18)

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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.