

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 section of a wall, situated on a grassy hillside. In the foreground, there is a paved path made of large, irregular stones. The background shows a vast, hilly landscape with green fields and distant mountains under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The sun is visible in the upper left corner, creating a strong lens flare effect.

THE BOOK OF **GALATIANS**

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE: CHRIST IS ENOUGH

THE STUDY OF GALATIANS

The Gospel of Grace: Christ is Enough

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

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)

Galatians 1:11–2:16

The Gospel: Revealed,
Confirmed, and Lived

The Big Idea

The true gospel comes from God, centers entirely on Christ, and must shape both what we believe and how we live.

Can you spot the counterfeit?

I. The Gospel Was Revealed by Christ

1:11–24

II. The Gospel Was Confirmed by the

Church 2:1–10

III. The Gospel Must Be Believed and

Lived 2:11–16

I. 1:11–24:

The Gospel Was Revealed by Christ

The gospel is not man's gospel.

(John 1:14; Rom. 5:6–8; 1 Cor. 15:1–4)

Paul's Life Is Evidence of Grace

- Paul was persecuting the church when Christ intervened.
Grace does not just forgive our past; it should radically redirect our future.

(Phil 3:5-6; Acts 9:1-6; Eph. 2:8-9; 1 Tim. 1:12-16)

Saved by Grace - Sent on Mission

- Paul's timeline shows Jerusalem could not have been the source of his gospel.
- A Christian testimony should ultimately cause people to glorify God.

(Gal. 1:16–24; Acts 9:19–30; Eph. 2:8–10; Matt. 5:16)

II. Gal. 2:1–10 The Titus Test

Is Jesus enough,
or must something be added to Christ?

(Acts 15:1, 5; Gal. 5:1)

Add nothing

(Gal. 2:6–10; John 19:30; Heb. 10:10–14; Rom. 10:12)

Hold the Gospel Tightly

- With Timothy (Acts 16:1–3),
circumcision was a ministry choice.
 - Hold your preferences loosely;
hold the gospel tightly.
- “I have become all things to all people, that
by all means I might save some.”
—1 Corinthians 9:22

III. Gal. 2:11–16 Peter knew the truth.

The Gospel Must Be Believed and Lived, But fear of people caused his behavior to contradict it.

You can contradict the gospel with your life without denying it with your lips.

(Prov. 29:25; Phil. 1:27)

Same Gospel, Different Fields

Peter to the Jews; Paul to the Gentiles.
Different callings and gifts do not mean
different gospels.

Unity does not require uniformity — but it
does require the same Christ and gospel.

(Rom. 10:12; Eph. 4:4–6; 1 Cor. 12:4–7;
Jas. 2:14–17)

Justified by Faith in Christ

- Justified: declared righteous before God.
- We are saved by grace through faith, not works.
- The law reveals our need; it cannot save us.
- Our sin is placed on/paid for by Christ;
- His righteousness is counted to us.

(Gen. 15:6; Rom. 3:20; 4:9–11; 2 Cor. 5:21)

Grace Changes and Sends Us

Grace does not merely forgive our past; it redirects our future and gives us a mission.

Saved by grace. Saved for good works.

(Acts 9:1–6; Eph. 2:8–10; Titus 3:3–7; 1 Tim. 1:12–16)

Is My Life in Step with the Gospel?

- If God has forgiven me, am I forgiving?
- If salvation is grace, am I gracious?
- If my identity is in Christ, why am I controlled by people's approval?
- Do my life and doctrine tell the same story?
(Gal. 2:14; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:1–4; 1 Tim. 4:16)

Takeaway 1

Guard the Gospel

2 Tim. 1:13–14; Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1;

Know and rest in the Gospel well enough
that you recognize the counterfeit.

Have a Gospel Reset...

Takeaway 2

Faith Over Fear

Identify where fear, pride, habit, comfort, or people-pleasing contradicts what you believe.

(Gal. 2:14; Prov. 29:25; Phil. 1:27)

Takeaway 3

Share your testimony in a way that glorify God and magnify His grace

Ps. 66:16; 1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 4:5; 1 Tim. 1:15–16 Ps. 115:1 — “Not to us... but to your name give glory.”

Reveal Jesus to be the hero of your life!

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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.

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?