

The background of the image is a vibrant landscape featuring ancient stone ruins on a grassy hillside. Several tall, fluted columns stand prominently, some with their capitals intact. A stone-paved path leads through the ruins towards the right. In the distance, a valley with rolling green hills and a small town is visible under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden light and long shadows.

THE BOOK OF **GALATIANS**

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE: CHRIST IS ENOUGH

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 Promise, the Law, and the Family of God

Galatians 3:15-29

Big Idea

**The law reveals our need.
God's promise gives;
life, identity, and an inheritance
through Christ.**

Gal. 3:15-29

How Does a Christian Really Change?

Through faith in Christ and
daily dependence upon the
Holy Spirit.

Gal. 3:3; John 15:5; Phil. 2:13

Justification by Faith

God declares sinners righteous by grace through faith in Christ. Works are the fruit, not the root.

Rom. 3:21-26; Gal. 2:16; James 2:21-23

The Logical Argument

The promise came first.

The law came later.

Christ is the promised Seed.

The inheritance comes by faith.

Gal. 3:15-18; Rom. 4:13-16

The Permanent Promise of God

No later law can cancel God's
covenant or add new
conditions to his promise.

Gal. 3:15-18; Num. 23:19

Promise, Law, and Gospel

The promise says, “God will.”

The law says, “You must.”

The gospel says, “Christ has.”

Gen. 12:2-3; Gal. 3:17-18; John 19:30

The Promise Is Fulfilled in Christ

The promise belongs to Christ.
Everyone who belongs to Christ
shares the inheritance.

Gal. 3:16, 29; 2 Cor. 1:20

Why Then the Law?

It was added because of transgressions until the promised Seed came.

Gal. 3:19

Temporary and Given to Israel

The Mosaic covenant governed Israel until Christ. Gentiles were not placed under its ceremonial or civil codes. But Gods moral code is for all.

Deut. 5:1-3; Acts 15:5-11; Col. 2:16-17

The Warning Light Cannot Repair the Engine

The law reveals the problem.
Only Christ forgives sin and
gives a new heart.

Rom. 3:20; Ezek. 36:26-27

The Law Convicts but Cannot Save

If law could give life,
Christ's cross would have
been unnecessary.

Gal. 3:21-22; Gal. 2:21

The Law Prepared the Way for Christ

The law guarded Israel and crowded sinners toward the only Savior.

Gal. 3:23-25; Heb. 10:1-14

The Adopted Child

An employee works for
acceptance.

A child obeys from acceptance.

Gal. 3:26; Rom. 8:15-17

Clothed with Christ

My old life was buried with
Christ. My new identity is
found in Christ.

Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:21

Radical Inclusion Through Faith

Jew and Greek. Slave and
free. Male and female. All are
one in Christ.

Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-19

Abraham and You

God fulfilled His saving promise in
Israel's Messiah.

One Savior, one gospel, one
redeemed spiritual family.

(don't make it weird)

**Eph. 2:11–22; 3:4–6; Rom. 4:9–17; 9-11;
10:1-4; 11:17-29; 15:8–12)**

Takeaway 1 -

Stop Trying to Earn What God Has Promised

Action: Identify one area where your worth rises and falls with performance. Read God's promise over it this week.

Gal. 3:18; Rom. 8:1; Eph. 2:8-10

Takeaway 2 -

Let the Law Lead You to Christ

Action: Name the behavior, the desire beneath it, the promise you forgot, and one step of obedience.

Ps. 139:23-24; Gal. 6:1-2; James 5:16

Takeaway 3 -

Live Like a Child, Not an Employee

Action: Read Galatians 3:26-29 each morning and ask the Spirit to help you live from your identity in Christ.

Gal. 3:26-29; Rom. 8:15-17

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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...

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.