

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. A stone-paved path leads towards the ruins. In the background, there is a vast valley with rolling green hills and distant mountains under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The sun is visible in the upper left corner, creating a lens flare effect.

THE BOOK OF **GALATIANS**

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE: CHRIST IS ENOUGH

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)

Galatians 1:1-5

The Gospel Worth Fighting For

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)

THE STUDY 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."

The Big Idea

No Other Gospel

A false gospel always edits the Gospel,
by addition or subtraction, the
outcome is always negative.

Jesus is enough.

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

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

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.



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.**

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?

Overview

Galatians

The Gospel Defended (1–2)

The Gospel Explained (3–4)

The Gospel Applied (5–6)

Galatians 1:1-5 NKJV

1 Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),

2 and all the brethren who are with me,
To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God the
Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,
4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He
might deliver us from this present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father,
5 to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Galatians 1:1–2

I. The Gospel Rests on God's Authority

1 Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),

2 and all the brethren who are with me,

Biblical Authority

- **Vertical** = Authority Comes From Christ (Gal. 1:1)
- **Horizontal** = Authority Is Confirmed by the Church (Gal. 1:2; Acts 13:1–3)

- **Calling** — Given by the Holy Spirit.
- **Confirmation** — Recognized by the local church.
- **Commission** — Sent out with accountability.
- **Community** — Ministry is never meant to be a solo mission.

Galatians 1:1b

II. The Gospel Is Built on a Living Christ

“- but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead)”

THE RESURRECTION ANNOUNCES A NEW CREATION

The letter begins with resurrection and ends with new creation—the resurrection is the firstfruits of everything God promised since Genesis.

(See also 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Galatians 1:3–4a

III. The Gospel Begins with Grace, Not Performance

3 Grace to you and peace from God the
Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who gave Himself for our sins,

GRACE BEFORE PEACE

You cannot experience the peace of God until you've first received the grace of God.

Romans 5:1 "Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

GRACE VS LAW

The Law says: obey and work you sinner!

The Gospel says: Christ has accepted you by grace—now walk with Him you saint!

"...WHO GAVE HIMSELF..."

"The Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." He loved. Therefore He gave. Love always gives itself.

"...FOR OUR SINS"

Jesus died for us — in our place, as our substitute, High Priest and Sacrifice.

Genesis whispers it, Exodus illustrates it, Isaiah promises it, John announces it.

"He was pierced for our transgressions...
the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us
all." Isaiah 53:5–6

Galatians 1:4–5

IV. The Gospel Is God's Great Rescue

4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

RESCUED FROM WHAT?

Not merely from hell or our sins—
but "this present evil age."

The resurrection is the dawn of the new creation breaking into history, transforming your today and securing your forever.

A NEW EXODUS, A NEW LIFE

The 1st Exodus delivered one nation from slavery. The Gospel delivers every nation from slavery to sin, death, and the enemy.

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."- Col. 1:13

IS JESUS ENOUGH?

We mistake knowledge for nearness.

We mistake observation for obedience.

We leave the power and simplicity of the Gospel for legalism, hedonism, or apathy and comfort.

Takeaway

1. Seek Him — Don't substitute information for intimacy (**John 15:4–5; Phil. 3:8–10**)

Action: Before you listen to another sermon or podcast this week, spend time reading God's Word and talking with Jesus yourself.

Takeaway

2. Trust Him — Don't add anything to the finished work of Christ (**Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:6–7**)

Action: Ask yourself "Am I resting in Christ's finished work, or relying on my own performance?"

Takeaway

3. Follow Him — Live to please Christ rather than people (**Gal. 5:25; James 1:22–25**) "If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

Action: Read **Galatian 5** and ask for spiritual fruit and spirits filled obedience in your life

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