

# A Survey of the New Testament

## Lesson 8: Galatians “Free from Law by Faith” March 27, 2019

**Summary: Paul confronts the Galatians because they have added law-keeping to the Gospel of justification by faith.**

### Introduction:

- Epistle – \_\_\_\_\_
- Kinds of Epistles
  - \_\_\_\_\_: Romans through Philemon
  - General: Hebrews through Jude
- We will discuss Pauline Epistles next using the chronological order presented in our textbook.
- Pauline Epistles:
  - Early Epistles
    - Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians
  - Major Epistles
    - 1 & 2 Corinthians, Romans
  - Prison Epistles
    - Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians
  - Pastoral Epistles
    - 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus

### Author: \_\_\_\_\_

- Paul was a Roman citizen who was born and raised in.
- He was the son of a Pharisee and was trained as a Pharisee.
  - He was trained by Gamaliel (Acts 22:3).
  - He knew and obeyed the Law (Phil. 3:5-6).
  - He persecuted Christians (Phil. 3:6).
  - He knew a trade, \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 18:3).
- He was converted on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-8).
- He became the apostle to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 11:13).
- He continued to love Israel (Rom. 9:3).
- Acts records \_\_\_\_\_ of his journeys as a missionary (Acts 13-28).

### Key Theme 1: Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ Apostleship

- He was called to be an apostle by Jesus Christ (1:1).
- He received the gospel by direct revelation from Jesus Christ (1:11-12).
- His apostleship was \_\_\_\_\_ by the other apostles (2:9).
- Consequently, he had authority to call the Galatians back to the correct path.

### Paul's Journeys:

- First Journey (Cyprus and Asia Minor)
  - Cyprus
  - John departed from them
  - Great revival in Antioch in Pisidia
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ denied their message.
    - The Gentiles believed.
  - Paul and Barnabas received recognition as \_\_\_\_\_ in Lycaonia after healing a lame man.
  - Paul stoned in Lycaonia.
- Second Journey (Asia Minor and Greece)
  - Paul and Barnabas \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Timothy joined the team.
  - The Macedonian vision leads to ministry in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Luke joined the team
  - The Philippian jailor
  - A year and a half spent in Corinth
- Third Journey (Asia Minor, Greece, and Jerusalem)
  - Three years spent in \_\_\_\_\_
  - Visiting the churches in Greece
  - Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the prophets and returned to Jerusalem for the feast.
  - Paul imprisoned by Jews and Romans.
- Journey to Rome
  - Although he was declared innocent in Judaea by all the Romans who heard his case, he was sent to Rome.
  - His ship was wrecked on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He finally came to Rome and lived under house arrest for two years before the end of Acts.

### Audience: \_\_\_\_\_

- This was a political division of Asia Minor called Galatia by the Romans.
- Paul started many of these churches on his first missionary journey (Acts 13-14).

### Date:

- After his first missionary journey and probably after the journey to Jerusalem (Acts 15).
  - These churches were established in his first journey.
  - The Acts 15 journey answered the questions he discusses in Galatians.
  - At least 17 years after his conversion
  - Around AD \_\_\_\_\_.

### Important People:

- Apostle Paul – exhorted the Galatians not to add works to faith.
- Apostle Peter – committed an offense by separating from gentiles
- Judaizers – taught that it was necessary to become a \_\_\_\_\_ to complete salvation

### Purpose:

- The Judaizers taught that keeping the Law was necessary for salvation.
- Paul's purpose was to teach justification by faith without works of the Law.
  - Abraham was justified by faith.
  - The Law was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The Law was \_\_\_\_\_, but now we are free by faith.

### Book Content Overview:

- Introduction (1:1-12)
  - Introducing the author (1:1-5)
  - Confronting a perverted Gospel (1:6-12)
  - Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ (1:13-2:14)
    - Persecuted the church (1:13-14)
    - Called by God to be an apostle (1:15)
    - Paul's ministry recognized (1:16-24)
    - Paul accepted by Jerusalem (2:1-14)
- Paul's Gospel (2:15-5:15)
  - Even Jews must receive salvation by faith \_\_\_\_\_ the works of the Law (2:15-21).
  - The spiritual seed of Abraham by faith outside the Law (3:1-29).
  - The Law was temporary bondage (4:1-20).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ apart from the Law (4:21-5:15)
- Paul's Application (5:16-6:10)
  - Walk in the Spirit to avoid the lust of the flesh (5:16-23).
  - The Law of Sowing and Reaping (5:24-6:10)
- Conclusion (6:11-18)

### Key Theme 2: \_\_\_\_\_ and Reaping

- Paul uses the metaphor of a harvest to demonstrate how a Christian's life should change.
  - You *will* reap the fruits of the seed that you sow (Gal 6:7-9).
  - The works of the flesh are \_\_\_\_\_ seed (Gal. 5:19-21).
  - The fruits of the Spirit are good seed (Gal. 5: 22-25).

**Application: "Do not be discouraged; eventually you will reap good fruits if you do not give up."**