

Galatians

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I. The Galatians knew that Paul was a faithful teacher - 1:1-2:21

A. Paul sent greetings to the Galatians 1:1-5

1. this letter was from Paul - 1:1

Paul was an apostle

Paul was called to be an apostle - Rom. 1:1

Paul was not appointed an apostle by man

Paul received his call from the Lord - Gal. 1:15-18

Paul was appointed an apostle by Christ

Paul was called directly by Christ - Acts 9:3-9

Paul was given direct revelation by Christ - Gal. 1:12

Paul was put into the ministry by Christ - I Tim. 1:12

Paul was appointed an apostle by the Father

2. this letter was from the brethren - 1:2

Paul said this letter also came from the brethren with him

Paul usually included the brethren with him - I Thess. 1:1

Paul said this letter was to the churches of Galatia

Paul later revisited these same churches - Acts 16:6

3. this letter expressed God's grace and peace - 1:3

the Father and Christ want Christians to experience grace

it is the grace of God that brings salvation- Titus 2:11

the Father and Christ want Christians to experience peace

God will give us His peace that passes all understanding - Phil. 4:7-9

4. this letter said Christ gave Himself to deliver us - 1:4-5

Christ gave Himself for our sins

Christ bore our sins in His own body - I Pet. 2:24

Christ did this to deliver us from this present evil system

we are not to love the world or the things of the world - I John 2:15-17

Christ did this according to the will of the Father

Christ committed Himself to the Father who judges righteously - I Pet. 2:23

Christ is the One who will receive glory

Christ will one day have every knee bow to Him - Phil. 2:9-11

B. Paul was concerned about them turning to another Gospel - 1:6-9

1. the Galatians had turned to another Gospel - 1:6

Paul was surprised what had happened to the Galatians

Paul wanted to know who had deceived them - Gal. 3:1-5

Paul said they were turning away from God

God had called them to trust in Christ - I Thess. 2:13

God called us and saved us by His power - II Tim. 1:8-9

Paul said they were turning from grace

they were turning from grace back to the law - Gal. 5:4

we have access to God through this grace - Rom. 5:2

Paul said they were turning to another gospel

these false teachers also came to Antioch - Acts 15:1

2. the Galatians were having false teachers trouble them - 1:7

Paul said that other gospel was not the real Gospel

they were preaching another gospel - Gal. 1:9

the real Gospel is based on the foundation of Christ - I Cor. 3:11

Paul said that false teachers were troubling them

false teachers have their source in Satan - John 8:44

some people hear and then turn away from the faith - I Tim. 1:19-20

Satan uses deceitful workers to try and deceive - II Cor. 11:13-15

Paul said these teachers were perverting the Gospel of Christ

Paul and Barnabas had much debate with these teachers - Acts 15:2

3. the Galatians heard any who preached another Gospel were accursed - 1:8-9

Paul said that even if he tried to deceive them they should not listen

we are to grow up so that we will not be deceived - Eph. 4:14

Paul said if an angel from heaven tried to deceive them they should not listen

Satan tries to come as an angel of light - II Cor. 11:14

Paul said they should not listen to any other gospel

false teachers profess to know God - Titus 1:16

false teachers never knew God - Matt. 7:21-23

Paul said those who preached another gospel were accursed

preaching another gospel is the result of not loving Christ - I Cor. 16:22

Paul repeated these statements a second time

verse 9 repeated what had been said in verse 8 for emphasis

C. Paul explained how he received the Gospel - 1:10-17

1. the life Paul had lived before Christ - 1:10-14

a. Paul did not seek to please people - 1:10

Paul did not seek the favor of men

Paul was ready to die for Christ - Phil. 1:1

Paul was seeking the favor of God

Paul wanted to please God - II Tim. 2:3-4

Paul did not seek to please men

he had suffered many times for Christ - II Cor. 11:23-27

Paul said to please men would not please Christ

Paul wanted people to see Christ in him - II Cor. 4:8-11

b. Paul said the Gospel he preached did not come from man - 1:11

Paul told them about the Gospel he shared with them

Paul defined the Gospel very clearly - I Cor. 15:1-6

Paul said that Gospel did not come from men

c. Paul received the Gospel by revelation from Christ - 1:12

Paul did not receive the Gospel from men

Paul was called directly by Christ - Acts 9:4-5

Paul had not been taught the Gospel by men

Paul received the Gospel from the Lord - I Cor. 15:3

Paul was taught the Gospel by Jesus Christ

Paul was taught by the Lord in the desert - Gal. 1:17-18

d. Paul had formerly persecuted the church - 1:13

Paul said that they knew about his past life

Paul had persecuted and killed Christians - Acts 22:4-5

Paul said they knew he had been strong in the Jewish religion

Paul had been brought up at the feet of Gamaliel - Acts 22:3

Paul said that he had persecuted the church

Paul had a zeal that caused him to persecute the church - Phil. 3:6

Paul said he had tried to destroy the church

Paul had voted to put believers to death - Acts 26:9-11

e. Paul said he had been very zealous for his nation - 1:14

Paul had advanced in Judaism

Paul had the proper training in Judaism - Acts 22:3

Paul had become a leader in Judaism - Phil. 3:4-6

Paul acted under the authority of the chief priests - Acts 26:10

Paul had done more than many of his contemporaries

Paul had been a blasphemer and persecutor - I Tim. 1:13

Paul had led the persecution against Christianity - Acts 8:1-3

Paul had been very zealous for the tradition of the fathers

Paul was very zealous as he tried to follow God his way - Acts 22:3-5

Paul learned he had been zealous for the wrong cause - Phil 3:5-7

2. the life Paul was living in Christ -1:15-17

a. Paul said God called him by His grace - 1:15

Paul had been stopped by God

Paul had been stopped on the road to Damascus - Acts 22:6-10

Paul learned he was persecuting God - Acts 9:4

Paul had this happen at the time it pleased God

God said that He had chosen Paul - Acts 9:15

Paul had been chosen to serve the Lord from birth

God had chosen Paul to carry out His will - Acts 22:14

Paul had been called by the grace of God

Paul was called in spite of his past - I Tim. 1:11-15

Paul said all are called by the grace of God - Titus 2:11

b. Paul said God revealed His Son to him - 1:16

Paul had Christ revealed in him by the Father

Paul wanted to be conformed to Christ's death - Phil. 3:10

Paul was faithful in showing forth Christ - II Tim. 4:7-8

Paul was called to preach to the Gentiles

Paul told the Jews he had been called to the Gentiles - Acts 22:17-21

Paul told Agrippa he was called to the Gentiles - Acts 26:17-18

Paul told the Romans he was called to the Gentiles - Rom. 11:13

Paul said the apostles recognized his call to the Gentiles - Gal. 2:9

Paul did not look to other Christians to teach him

Paul was taught by the revelation of Christ - Gal. 1:12

c. Paul said he had been taught by Christ in Arabia - 1:17

Paul did not go to Jerusalem when he was called by God
Paul did not immediately go to visit the apostles
Paul was led by the Lord to go to Arabia
Paul then returned to the city of Damascus
Paul preached the Gospel in Damascus - Acts 9:20

D. Paul shared the Gospel that he had received - 1:18-24

1. the Gospel Paul shared with some leaders in Jerusalem - 1:18-20

a. Paul had visited Jerusalem three years later - 1:18

Paul went to Jerusalem after three years
the disciples did not believe he was a disciple - Acts 9:26-27
Paul saw Peter at that time
Paul met a few of the apostles at that time - Acts 9:27-28
Paul stayed with Peter for fifteen days
Paul shared the Gospel boldly during that time - Acts 9:29-30

b. Paul had not seen all of the apostles at that time - 1:19

Paul did not meet the rest of the apostles at that time
Paul was unknown by face to the churches of Judea - Gal. 1:22
Paul only met James the brother of Christ in addition to Peter
this James later became the leader of the church in Jerusalem - Acts 12:17
James was one of those who gave him the right hand of fellowship - Gal. 2:9
James became the spokesman at the Jerusalem Council - Acts 15:13-21
this Council was the result of the false teaching of the Judaizers - Acts 15:2
this Council had much discussion about the issue - Acts 15:6-7
this Council refuted the Judaizers - Acts 15:22-28

c. Paul said that he was speaking the truth - 1:20

Paul said that God was his witness about what he spoke
Paul knew he had a clear conscience before God - Rom. 9:1
Paul said that he was not lying
(the Judaizers had apparently accused Paul of lying)
Paul had God as his witness that he had not lied - II Cor. 11:31

2. the Gospel Paul shared in other areas - 1:21

Paul went into the region of Syria

the area north of Galilee was a part of Syria at that time
(Paul apparently passed through this area on the way to Tarsus)

Paul went into the region of Cilicia

Paul had returned to Tarsus - Acts 9:30

3. the Gospel Paul shared brought glory to God - 1:22-24

a. Paul was unknown to the churches in Judea - 1:22

Paul was unknown by the churches in Judea

Paul was only in Jerusalem for fifteen days - Gal. 1:18

Paul did not visit that area again for many years - Gal. 2:1

Paul was unknown by the other churches that followed Christ

the brethren had sent him to Tarsus for his safety - Acts 9:30

b. Paul was being talked about by the churches in Judea - 1:23

Paul said that the churches had heard about him

Barnabas had helped the churches to know about him - Acts 9:27

Paul said the churches knew him as the one who had persecuted them

the believers had been afraid of Paul when he visited Jerusalem - Acts 9:26

Paul said that they heard that he now preached the faith

Barnabas knew where to go looking for Saul - Acts 11:25

Paul said they knew he preached the faith which he had previously destroyed

Paul had even preached for a few days in Jerusalem - Acts 9:29

c. Paul caused the churches in Judea to glorify God - 1:24

Paul said that the churches in Judea glorified God

Paul later visited the churches on the way to Jerusalem - Acts 15:3

the Lord was using Paul mightily among the Gentiles - Gal. 5:8

Paul also had ministered for a whole year in Antioch - Acts 11:26

Paul said the churches thanked God for what He had done in Paul's life

Paul and Barnabas had brought a gift to help the Christians - Acts 11:30

Paul had explained to the leaders what he was teaching - Gal. 2:2

Paul said that false brethren had tried to stop him then - Gal. 2:4

this was when Paul and Barnabas received the right hand of fellowship - Gal. 2:9

E. Paul explained what he taught to the apostles - 2:1-10

1. the leaders heard what Paul preached among the Gentiles - 2:1-3

a. Paul visited Jerusalem fourteen years after trusting Christ - 2:1

Paul went up to Jerusalem fourteen years after becoming a Christian

the first three years had been spent out in the desert - Gal. 1:17-18

one year had been spent in Antioch - Acts 11:26

that meant Paul spent about ten years in Tarsus - Acts 9:30

Paul said that he went with Barnabas at that time

Paul and Barnabas had taken a gift to Jerusalem - Acts 11:27-30

Paul said that they also took Titus with them

Titus was a key team member with Paul - II Cor. 7:13-14

b. Paul shared the Gospel he had preached to the Gentiles - 2:2

Paul had gone to Jerusalem because of a revelation

the revelation revealed that there would be a famine - Acts 11:27-28

Paul shared with the apostles the Gospel that he taught

Paul shared what he taught with the three key leaders - Gal. 2:9

Paul shared the Gospel he had preached among the Gentiles

the teaching of Paul had touched the lives of many - Acts 11:26

Paul shared it privately with the leaders of the church

the apostles had added nothing to his teaching - Gal. 2:6

Paul wanted to make sure he had not run in vain

Paul was concerned not to do anything in vain - I Cor. 9:27

Paul did not want to labor in vain - Phil. 2:16

c. Paul said they did not require Titus to be circumcised - 2:3

Titus had gone with Paul to Jerusalem

Titus was not mentioned in Acts even though he was a key team member

Titus was often sent to other churches - II Cor. 2:13; II Tim. 4:10

Titus learned from Paul how to establish churches - Titus 1:5

Titus was a Greek and not circumcised

this was different than Timothy who was half Jewish - Acts 16:3

circumcision was required for Jews to eat the Passover - Ex. 12:44, 48

Titus was not required to be circumcised

circumcision was not required for Gentile converts - Acts 15:28-29

2. the leaders heard how Paul defended salvation by grace - 2:4-6

a. Paul said false teachers tried to bring the Christians into bondage - 2:4

Paul had also met some false teachers who were Judaizers
false teachers came to Antioch with their teachings - Acts 15:1-2
Paul said that these false teachers pretended to be Christians
false teachers always try to come as angels of light - II Cor. 11:13-15
Paul said they had actually come to spy out our liberty in Christ
false teachers want to lead people back into bondage - Gal. 5:1
Paul said that they wanted to bring the Christians into bondage
false teachers promise liberty but are in bondage themselves - II Pet. 2:19
false teachers are actually in bondage to Satan - Heb. 2:15

b. Paul said he did not submit to the false teachers - 2:5

Paul did not submit to the Judaizers
Paul stood against those who wanted to circumcise Titus - Gal. 2:3
Paul did not even submit for an hour
Paul took Titus to Jerusalem as an uncircumcised Greek - Gal. 2:1
Paul explained his position to the leaders of the church - Gal. 2:2
Paul was concerned for the truth of the Gospel
Paul wanted to defend our liberty in Christ - Gal. 5:1
Paul wanted the true gospel to continue for the Gentiles
Paul recognized false teachers were trying to pervert the Gospel - Gal. 1:7

c. Paul said the true apostles added nothing to his message - 2:6

Paul said that the apostles were respected
that was why Paul had shared with them privately - Gal. 2:2
Paul also knew that he was an apostle - II Cor. 11:5
Paul was even recognized as a chief apostle - II Cor. 12:11
Paul said that did not matter to him
Paul was willing to challenge Peter when necessary - Gal. 2:11
Paul did this because Peter was acting out of fear - Gal. 2:12
Paul said that God favors no person
God says we commit sin if we favor persons - James 2:8-9
Paul said the apostles added nothing to him
instead they gave him the right hand of fellowship - Gal. 2:9
Paul was chosen to be the apostle to the Gentiles - Acts 9:15

3. the leaders recognized Paul as the apostle to the Gentiles - 2:7-10

a. Paul said the leaders realized God called Paul to the Gentiles - 2:7

the leaders realized the Gospel of the uncircumcision was given to Paul

Ananias was told that Paul would go to the Gentiles - Acts 9:15-16

Paul even told the Jews that he had been called to the Gentiles - Acts 22:21

the leaders realized the Gospel of the circumcision was given to Peter

Peter originally wrote to the Jews that were scattered abroad - I Pet. 1:1

c. Paul and Barnabas were given the right hand of fellowship - 2:9

these three men were recognized as pillars by the church

Peter and John were leaders of the church right from the start - Acts 4:13

James later became the leader of the church in Jerusalem - Acts 12:17

James gave the decision of the Jerusalem Council - Acts 15:13-21

these three men recognized the grace that was given to Paul

they recognized the ministry to which the Lord called Paul - Acts 9:15

these three men gave Paul and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship

the right hand of fellowship was a mark of partnership in Israel

this showed the apostles felt Paul was preaching the true Gospel - Gal. 2:2

these three men recognized Paul and Barnabas were called to the Gentiles

their ministry to the Gentiles brought great joy to all believers - Acts 15:3

these three men realized that they were called to the Jews

James originally wrote to the twelve tribes of Israel - James 1:1

Peter originally wrote to the Jews scattered abroad - I Pet. 1:1

John stayed in Jerusalem to care for Mary until her death - John 11:26-27

d. Paul said he was encouraged to remember the poor - 2:10

Paul and Barnabas were encouraged to remember the poor

the early church was concerned about the poor - Acts 2:44-45

the early church cared for the needy widows - Acts 6:1-6

Paul had brought an offering for the poor in Jerusalem - Acts 11:30

Paul and Barnabas were already eager to remember the poor

Paul encouraged other elders to remember the poor - Acts 20:35

Paul encouraged Christians in Macedonia to remember the poor - II Cor. 8:1-2

Paul encouraged Christians in Corinth to remember the poor - II Cor. 8:7-9

Paul commended the Philippians for their giving - Phil. 4:10

Paul gave Timothy instructions about caring for widows - I Tim. 5:3-10

F. Paul told how he withstood Peter in Antioch - 2:11-14

a. Peter had come to visit the church at Antioch - 2:11

**Peter came to visit the church at Antioch
Peter was withstood by Paul at that time
Peter was to be blamed for his actions**

b. Peter had become fearful of the other Jews - 2:12

**Peter had been eating with the Gentiles
Peter saw certain men come from James
Peter changed his actions when these men came
Peter withdrew from eating with the Gentiles
Peter separated himself from the Gentiles
Peter feared these men of the circumcision
Peter was acting out of fear - I John 4:18**

c. Peter even led Barnabas to become a hypocrite - 2:13

**Peter caused the other Jews to also separate from the Gentiles
Peter was not providing a good example for the believers - I Tim. 4:12
Peter even caused Barnabas to separate from the Gentiles
even strong Christians can be led by poor examples - James 2:1-4
Peter caused Barnabas to also be carried away by hypocrisy
godly wisdom and actions are without hypocrisy - James 3:17**

d. Peter was rebuked by Paul - 2:14

**Paul saw that Peter was not walking uprightly
Peter was not being an example to other Christians - I Tim. 4:12
Paul saw they were not walking according to the truth of the Gospel
the Gospel makes no distinction regarding salvation - Gal. 3:26-28
Paul rebuked Peter before them all
elders have greater responsibility and are to be rebuked - I Tim. 5:17-19
Paul said that Peter had been living after the manner of the Gentiles
Paul became all things to all men to reach them for Christ - I Cor. 9:19-22
Paul said Peter should not compel the Gentiles to live like Jews
this was the clear decision of the Jerusalem Council - Acts 15:23-29
this decision became the standard for the church - Acts 21:25**

G. Paul explained that Christians are justified by faith - 2:15-21

1. Christians are justified by faith and not by the law - 2:15-18

a. Paul said the Jews were given the law many years earlier - 2:15

**Paul and Peter were Jews by birth
Paul and Peter were not Gentiles by birth**

b. Paul said the Jews were not justified by keeping the law - 2:16

Paul said a person is not justified by keeping the law
the law shows that every single person is guilty - Rom. 3:10-19

Paul said a person is justified by faith in Christ
we are justified by faith and have peace with God - Rom. 5:1

Paul said we have believed in Jesus Christ
we must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved - Acts 16:31

Paul said that we are justified by the faith of Christ
we are justified by the blood of Christ - Rom. 5:9

Paul said we are not justified by the works of the law
the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ - Gal. 3:24

Paul said no flesh can be justified by the works of the law
no flesh can be justified by the deeds of the law - Rom. 3:20

c. Paul said Christ was not the source when people sinned - 2:17

Paul asked if we seek to be justified by Christ
we are justified by faith through Christ alone - Rom. 5:1

Paul asked if we are still sinners
Peter learned that foods cannot make us sinners - Acts 10:13-15

Paul asked if that makes Christ a minister of sin
Christ taught that food does not contaminate - Mark 7:19-23

Paul said that would certainly not be the case

d. Paul said he would sin to teach the law again - 2:18

Paul did not want to build again the false system of legalism
Paul said we have been given liberty from that yoke of bondage - Gal. 5:1

Paul said he would then make himself a transgressor
Paul said we are not to continue in sin - Rom. 6:1

2. Christians also live the Christian life by faith and not the law - 2:19-21

a. Paul said he was dead to the law - 2:19

Paul said that he was now dead to the law
we are dead to sin and its control - Rom. 6:2
we have put off the old man - Eph. 4:22
Paul said that he now lived unto God
we no longer live for ourselves - II Cor. 5:14-15

b. Paul said he now lived by faith - 2:20

Paul said he was crucified with Christ
we were baptized into His death - Rom. 6:4
we know that the body of sin has been destroyed - Rom. 6:6
we are now dead to the penalty of the law - Rom. 7:1-6
Paul said that he still lived
we have been raised to live with Christ - Rom. 6:8
Paul said that it was not actually him living
we now have Christ dwelling in us - Rom. 8:9
Paul said it was Christ living in him
Christ said that we now live in Him - John 17:23
Paul said that he now lived his life by faith in Christ
we now walk by faith and not by sight - II Cor. 5:7
Paul said that Christ loved him and gave Himself for Paul
Christ died for us while we were still sinners - Rom. 5:6-8
Christ bore our sins for us on the cross - I Pet. 2:24
Christ gave Himself a ransom for us - I Tim. 2:6

c. Paul said he did not want to make void the grace of God - 2:21

Paul did not want to make void the grace of God
only the grace of God makes it possible to live a new life - Titus 2:11-12
the grace of God abounded to many through Christ - Rom. 5:15
Christ tasted death for every person by the grace of God - Heb. 2:9
Paul explained the consequence if righteousness came by the law
no flesh can be justified by the deeds of the law - Rom. 3:19-20
the righteousness of God is apart from the law - Rom. 3:21-22
Paul said that would make the death of Christ useless
righteousness can only be received and lived by faith - Rom. 1:17

II. The Galatians had the message of justification explained - 3:1-4:31

A. Paul asked the Galatians how they had been saved - 3:1-5

1. the Galatians had been deceived - 3:1

Paul asked who had deceived the Galatians

immature Christians can be easily deceived - Eph. 4:14

Paul asked why they were not obeying the truth

we are to be doers and not just hearers - James 1:22

Paul had clearly explained the Gospel to the Galatians

Paul always made the Gospel clear to people - I Cor. 15:1-2

Paul had explained that Christ had been crucified

Paul taught the message of the death and resurrection - I Cor. 15:3-6

2. the Galatians were asked how they received the Spirit - 3:2

Paul said that he had a question to ask the Galatians

Paul followed Christ's example by asking questions - Luke 24:17-19

Paul wanted to know if they received the Spirit by the law

the Holy Spirit was not received by keeping the law - Titus 3:5

Paul wanted to know if they received the Spirit by faith

they received the Holy Spirit when they believed - Eph. 1:12-14

3. the Galatians were told they could not grow by the flesh - 3:3

Paul asked the Galatians if they were being foolish

a foolish person is one that leaves God out of his thinking - Ps. 14:1

Paul said that they had begun spiritual life in the Spirit

the Holy Spirit placed us in the body of Christ - I Cor. 12:13

Paul asked if they could now mature through the flesh

we fail when we try to do good in our own strength - Rom. 7:15-25

we will mature as we learn to walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:16

4. the Galatians were asked if they had suffered in vain - 3:4

Paul asked if their Christian experience had been in vain

Paul did not want people to receive the grace of God in vain - II Cor. 6:1

Paul asked if they thought it was in vain

they were receiving a perverted Gospel from false teachers - Gal. 1:8-9

5. the Galatians were asked how Christ worked in them - 3:5

Christ had given the Galatians the Holy Spirit
Christ is the One who baptizes with the Spirit - Matt. 3:11
Christ had worked miracles among the Galatians
Christ did not work through them hearing the law
the purpose of the law is to bring us to Christ - Gal. 3:24
Christ did work in their lives through faith
we are all saved by grace through faith - Eph. 2:8-9

B. Paul explained that Abraham was justified by faith - 3:6-9

1. Abraham had his faith recognized as righteousness - 3:6

Abraham had believed in God
Abraham believed God and obeyed Him - Heb. 11:8
Abraham had faith put to his account
God put faith to the account of Abraham - Gen. 15:5-6
Abraham had this faith counted as righteousness
God recognized the faith of Abraham as righteousness - Rom. 4:3

2. Abraham is the father of the children of faith - 3:7

Paul asked the Galatians if they understood this
Abraham had this happen by faith - Rom. 4:5
Paul asked about all those who have faith
Abraham was given the promises while uncircumcised - Rom. 4:9
Paul said that all who have faith are children of Abraham
Abraham is the father of all who have faith - Rom. 4:11-12

3. Abraham had the Gospel of faith preached to him - 3:8

the Scripture said God would justify the Gentiles
God promised to bless all nations through Abraham - Gen. 12:3
the Scripture said God would do this by faith
Abraham received the promise from God by faith - Gal. 3:18
the Scripture said Abraham received the Gospel
Abraham was given true spiritual vision - Heb. 11:10
the Scripture said all nations were blessed in Abraham
God said all nations would be blessed in Abraham - Gen. 18:18

4. Abraham brought blessing to all that have faith - 3:9

those who have faith are blessed

Abraham is a father to all that have faith - Rom. 4:16

those who have faith are following the example of Abraham

Abraham became the father of all that believe - Rom. 4:11

Abraham was provided as an example for us - Rom. 4:21-24

C. Paul explained that the law brings a curse - 3:10-14

1. the law brings with it a curse - 3:10

those who follow the law are under the law

the law shows that every person is guilty before God - Rom. 3:19

the purpose of the law is to reveal our sin - Rom. 7:7-8

the law was given to bring us to Christ - Gal. 3:24

those who follow the law are under a curse

a person was cursed if he did not follow all the law - Deut. 27:26

those who follow the law cannot keep all of the law

a person who breaks even one law is guilty of all - James 2:10

a person who did not do all the law was under a curse - Deut. 28:15

those who follow the law are cursed if they do not obey all

the law is a curse to all who do not follow it perfectly - Deut. 27:26

2. the law cannot justify anyone - 3:11

man cannot be justified by the law

a person cannot be justified by the works of the law - Gal. 2:16

a person must be justified apart from the law - Rom. 3:28

if we are led by the Spirit we are not under the law - Gal. 5:18

man cannot make himself right in the sight of God

no person can be justified by keeping the law - Rom. 3:19-20

God has no pleasure in those who draw back from faith - Heb. 10:38

man can only be just if he lives by faith

Noah was the first to be called just and he received grace - Gen. 6:8-9

God told Habakkuk the just shall live by faith - Habakkuk 2:4

the Gospel makes it possible to live by faith - Rom. 1:16-17

we are saved by grace through faith - Eph. 2:8-9

we walk by faith not by sight - II Cor. 5:7

we walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:16

3. the law and faith cannot live together - 3:12

the law is totally different than faith

the law requires people to obey the law perfectly - Leviticus 18:5

the purpose of the law is to give knowledge of sin - Rom. 3:20

the law has many people that try to obey it

the rich young ruler thought he was keeping the law - Luke 18:20-21

Paul was working to keep the law until he met Christ - Phil. 3:5-6

many people are depending on their own works of righteousness - Titus 3:5

the law would have to be obeyed perfectly

the law shows that none have obeyed it perfectly - Rom. 3:9-20

4. the law meant Christ had to become a curse for us - 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the law

Christ came to redeem us from the law - Gal. 4:4-5

Christ came to redeem us from our vain manner of life - I Pet. 1:18

Christ came to redeem us from all sin - Titus 2:14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law

man is under curse because no one obeys perfectly - Gal. 3:10

Christ suffered as the just for the unjust - I Pet. 3:18

Christ was made a curse for us

Christ became sin for us - II Cor. 5:21

Christ chose to bear the sins of man - Heb. 9:28

Christ was cursed because He hung on a tree

this verse is quoted from Deut. 21:23

Christ bore our sins on the tree - I Pet. 2:24

5. the law could not bring faith to the Gentiles either - 3:14

the blessing of Abraham can come to the Gentiles

Abraham is the father of all that have faith - Rom. 4:16-17

the blessing of Abraham can only come through Christ

the only way we can come to the Father is through Christ - John 14:6

the blessing for Christians includes the promise of the Spirit

Christ promised to give the Holy Spirit - John 14:16-17

Christ told the disciples to wait until they received the Spirit - Luke 24:49

Christ said that the Holy Spirit would give power - Acts 1:8

the blessing with the Spirit came through faith

God sent His Spirit into our hearts - Gal. 4:6

D. Paul explained the covenant made to Abraham - 3:15-18

1. Abraham received a covenant that cannot be changed - 3:15

Paul spoke as a man

Paul said the covenant was a man's covenant

Paul said a covenant must be confirmed

our covenant was sanctified through the offering of Christ - Heb. 10:7-12

Paul said a confirmed covenant cannot be changed

a blood covenant is an everlasting covenant - Luke 22:20

2. Abraham was promised Christ as his seed - 3:16

Abraham was given a promise by God

the promise to Abraham contained four parts - Gen. 12:1-3
personal blessing, national blessing, **blessing to all families**, the land

Abraham was told this promise was for his seed

the promise was to the seed (singular) of Abraham - Gen. 15:7-8

Abraham learned the promise was not to seeds (many)

this promise was about the seed of Abraham - Gen. 15:5

Abraham learned the promise was made only to One

Abraham was told this was a promise about Christ

God said the covenant was everlasting - Gen. 18:7

3. Abraham received this covenant 430 years before the law - 3:17

this covenant was confirmed by God

God confirmed the covenant with Abraham by blood - Gen. 15:9-21

this covenant was made 430 years before the law

the covenant could not be annulled by the law

God alone walked through the sacrifice - Gen. 15:17

the covenant was a continuing promise

a blood covenant is an eternal covenant - Gen. 18:6-8

4. Abraham received this covenant from God by promise - 3:18

Abraham did not receive this inheritance by the law

God said this promise would come through Isaac - Gen. 17:19

Abraham would not have had a promise then

Abraham was given this promise by God

E. Paul explained the purpose of the law - 3:19-25

1. the law was to bring us to Christ - 3:19-22

a. God gave the law because of transgressions - 3:19

the law does have a purpose
the purpose of the law is to bring us to Christ - Gal. 3:24
the law was added because of transgressions
the law was to show that all are guilty before God - Rom. 3:9-20
the law was given until the seed (Christ) came
the law was to show the need for a Redeemer - Gal. 3:13
the law was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator
the law was given through angels - Acts 7:53

b. God gave the covenant to Abraham directly - 3:20

a mediator was required when a normal covenant was made
Christ is the only Mediator between God and man - I Tim. 2:5
a mediator was not not required with Abraham because God is One
God went between the sacrifices alone - Gen. 15:17

c. God did not change His promises when He gave the law - 3:21

the law is not against the promises of God
the law reveals sin and the need for salvation - Gal. 2:17
the law by itself could not give life
a person must be justified apart from the law - Rom. 3:28
the law cannot make a person righteous
the law only shows that people are guilty - Rom. 3:19
the law is to bring us to Christ - Gal. 3:24

d. God showed through the Scripture that all have sinned - 3:22

the Scripture has shown that all have sinned
the law shows that the whole world is guilty before God - Rom. 3:19
the Scripture has shown that the promise is received by faith
people are saved by grace through faith - Eph. 2:8-9
the Scripture has shown that the promise is to those who believe
belief in Christ is the basis for salvation - John 14:6; Acts 16:31

2. the law is no longer needed once we come to Christ - 3:23-25

a. the law is over man before he trusts Christ - 3:23

the condition of man before faith came

sin has dominion over man before faith in Christ - Rom. 6:14

mankind is in bondage to sin before faith - Heb. 2:15

the condition of man was that he was under the law

he was in bondage under the elements of the law - Gal. 4:3

man can only be made righteous apart from the law - Rom. 3:21

the condition of man was that he was confined in sin

the law showed that man was guilty and facing death - Rom. 6:23

the condition of man made faith necessary

without faith it is impossible to please Him - Heb. 11:6

we can only be saved by grace through faith - Eph. 2:8-9

b. the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ - 3:24

the law was our tutor (schoolmaster)

(a tutor was usually a slave that often used strict discipline)

such slaves did not have the concern of a loving father - I Cor. 4:14

the law shows that all have sinned - Rom. 3:23

the law was needed to bring us to Christ

the law showed us that we were separated from Christ - Heb. 7:26

man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law - Rom. 3:28

the law made it necessary to be justified by faith

the law shows that everyone is guilty - Rom. 3:19-20

the law shows that all have sinned - Rom. 3:23

c. the law is not needed when faith comes - 3:25

faith changed our relationship to the law

Christ is now our advocate - I John 2:1-2

God now deals with us as sons - Heb. 12:5-10

faith means we are no longer under the tutor

Christ has taken away our condemnation - Rom. 8:1

Christ has made us free and given us liberty - Gal. 5:1

Christ set us free to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

Christ has made us without offence - Phil. 1:10

Christ has made us blameless - Phil. 2:15

F. Paul explained our relationship in the family of Christ - 3:26-29

1. the Galatians all became sons of God by faith - 3:26

true faith makes people the sons of God

we become children of God by adoption- Rom. 8:14-17

true faith must be in Christ Jesus

Christ is the One who makes us children of God - John 1:12

2. the Galatians had been baptized into Christ - 3:27

the Galatians had been baptized in the name of Christ

Christians are all baptized by the Holy Spirit - I Cor. 12:13

Christians are raised up to walk in newness of life - Rom. 6:3-5

the Galatians had put on Christ

Christians all have Christ living in them - Gal. 2:20

Christians have put on the righteousness of Christ - Phil. 3:8-10

Christians are made the righteousness of God in Christ - II Cor. 5:21

3. the Galatians had been made one in Christ - 3:28

Jews and Greeks are no longer separated when they are in Christ

Christ breaks down the middle wall of partition between us - Eph. 2:11-18

Christ makes Jews and Greeks one in Him - Col. 3:11

slaves and free are no longer separated when they are in Christ

Christ changes slaves to beloved brothers - Philemon 1:16

men and women are no longer separated when they are in Christ

men and women become heirs together of the grace of life - I Pet. 3:7

all are made one when they are in Christ

Christ prayed that all believers would become one - John 17:20-23

we are all baptized into one body - I Cor. 12:13

4. the Galatians had become heirs of the promise - 3:29

those in Christ have become the spiritual descendents of Abraham

Christians become the Israel of God - Gal. 6:16

Christians become a part of the Jerusalem that is above - Gal. 4:26-28

those in Christ have become heirs according to the promise

Christ makes us spiritual children of Abraham - Rom. 9:6-8

we become joint heirs with Christ - Rom. 8:16-17

G. Paul explained our privilege as sons - 4:1-7

1. a person without Christ is in bondage - 4:1-3

a. the Galatians were like servants even though they were heirs - 4:1

the heir must understand his relationship

the heir waits until he becomes an adult to get the inheritance - Luke 15:12

we are adopted into the family of Christ and become an heir - Rom. 8:15

the heir that is a child is like a servant

Christ changed the disciples from servants to friends - John 15:15

Christ later called the disciples brethren - John 20:17

the heir will one day become master of all

we will one day share the inheritance with Christ - Rom 8:17

b. the Galatians were under tutors and governors- 4:2

the heir is placed under tutors (guardians)

children were often raised by tutors - I Cor. 4:15

the heir is placed under governors (stewards)

a steward managed the money of another - Luke 16:1

a steward is delegated responsibility by the master - Matt. 20:8

the heir is under them until the time the father sets

we were under the law until we trusted Christ - Gal. 3:23

c. the Galatians were in bondage under the elements of the world - 4:3

we were children under the law

we were in bondage to the law - Gal. 4:24-25

we served by nature things that were not true gods - Gal. 4:8

the law showed us that we have all sinned - Rom. 3:23

we needed the law to bring us to Christ - Gal. 3:24

we were in bondage at that time

we were like the children of the bondswoman - Gal. 4:24-25

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law - Gal. 3:13

we have become children of the freewoman - Gal. 4:31

we were in bondage to the elements of the world

we were under the basic principles of the world - Col. 2:8

we have been made dead to these basic principles - Col. 2:20

we are not to turn back to these basic principles - Gal. 4:9

2. a person who trusts Christ becomes a son - 4:4-7

a. Christ came in the fullness of time - 4:4

God carried out His plan in the fullness of time

God had a set time for Christ to come - Luke 2:1-4

God sent His Son to this earth

God sent His Son that we might be saved - John 3:17

God sent His Son through a woman

God told how Christ would come through Mary - Matt. 1:20-25

God sent His Son as one born under the law

Christ did not sin but became sin for us - II Cor. 5:21

b. Christ came to redeem us - 4:5

Christ came to redeem all under the law

Christ came to redeem us from the curse of the law - Gal. 3:13

Christ came so we could receive adoption as sons

the Father determined in advance to adopt us as children - Eph. 1:5

c. Christ has given us the Spirit in our hearts - 4:6

we have become the sons of God

we were adopted as sons by Christ - Eph. 1:5

we have been given the Spirit of His Son

we received the Spirit as the guarantee - Eph. 1:12-14

we have had His Spirit placed in our hearts

the Holy Spirit now dwells within us - John 14:17

we are now able to call, "Abba, Father"

we can do this because we are adopted into His family - Rom. 8:15

d. Christ made us sons and heirs - 4:7

we are no longer just servants

Christ no longer calls us servants - John 15:15

we have now become sons

we have become the children of God - John 1:12

we have become an heir of God

we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - Rom. 8:17

we have had this happen through Christ

H. Paul explained the consequences of depending on the law - 4:8-20

1. Christians were returning to the law - 4:8-11

a. the Galatians served those who were not gods - 4:8

the Galatians did not originally know God
the Gospel is hidden to those who are lost - II Cor. 4:3-4
the Galatians then served other things
the Galatians had also served sin - Eph. 4:17-19
the Galatians had served things that were false gods
they had also offered things to idols - I Cor. 10:19-20

b. the Galatians were not to turn back to those things - 4:9

the Galatians had now known God
Paul had shared with them the Gospel he received - Gal. 1:10-16
the Galatians were known by God
God is the One that chooses and draws all who believe - John 6:44
the Galatians had turned again to the things of the law
the Galatians were trying to perfect themselves by the law - Gal. 3:3
the Galatians were actually putting themselves in bondage
the Galatians were becoming entangled in a yoke of bondage again - Gal. 5:1

c. the Galatians did not need to observe days - 4:10

the Galatians were observing days
we are to see every day as from the Lord - Rom. 14:6
the Galatians were observing months
the Galatians were observing times
the Galatians were observing years
observing the times in the law is just the shadow - Col. 2:16-17

d. the Galatians caused Paul to fear he had labored in vain - 4:11

Paul expressed the fear that he had for the Galatians
Paul reminded them salvation did not come by the law - Gal. 3:2
Paul did not want to labor in vain - I Thess. 3:5
Paul was afraid the Galatians would return to legalism
Paul warned they would become debtors to the whole law - Gal. 5:2-4

2. Christians were urged to be like Paul - 4:12-14

a. the Galatians were urged to become like Paul - 4:12

Paul wanted the Galatians to experience what he experienced

Paul finally realized his own efforts meant nothing - Phil. 3:7-9

Paul had trusted in the the law and his own efforts

Paul had earlier trusted in his own efforts - Phil. 3:4-6

Paul had been received by the Galatians that became Christians

Paul saw people become Christians - Acts 13:48

Paul saw the Christians grow and become disciples - Acts 14:22

Paul helped them establish organized churches - Acts 14:23

b. the Galatians knew Paul had preached even though he was weak - 4:13

Paul had an infirmity in the flesh when he ministered in Galatia

(some think Paul may have had malaria)

some think Paul had some kind of eye problem - Gal. 4:15

Paul had not let the infirmity hinder his ministry

Paul did not let anything hinder his ministry - II Cor. 11:23-28

Paul had preached the Gospel to the Galatians

Paul made the Gospel clear as he preached - Acts 13:27-32

the Word of God was published throughout the region - Gal. 13:49

Paul went to many cities in the region - Acts 14:20-21

c. the Galatians accepted Paul with his physical problems - 4:14

Paul was accepted in spite of his physical problems

Paul was even stoned at one point - Acts 14:19

the disciples were there when the Lord restored him - Acts 14:20

Paul said that these were physical problems

Paul may have had problems with his eyes - Gal 6:11

Paul said the Galatians did not despise him

the Gentiles were thankful to hear the Word - Acts 13:44-48

Paul said they accepted him as an angel of God

the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit - Acts 13:52

Paul said they accepted him just as they accepted Christ

there were many that believed - Acts 13:48

There were many that grew and became disciples - Acts 14:21

there were churches established with godly leadership - Acts 14:23

3. Christians were asked to realize the real purpose of false teachers - 4:15-17

a. the Galatians would have been willing to give Paul their eyes - 4:15

Paul said they had been blessed by his message

Paul had shared the Gospel with them - Gal. 1:11
many had believed through his preaching - Acts 13:48
both many Jews and many Greeks had believed - Acts 14:1
many had grown and become disciples - Acts 14:21
many churches had even been established - Acts 14:23

Paul said they had showed their great concern for him

they gathered to encourage him when he was stoned - Acts 14:19-20

Paul said they would have been willing to share with him

Paul encouraged them to serve each other in love - Gal. 5:13
Paul encouraged them to do good to all - Gal. 6:10

Paul said they would have been willing to share their own eyes

some think his infirmity was with his eyes - Gal. 4:13
this would be why he wrote with large letters - Gal. 6:11

b. the Galatians were now treating Paul like an enemy - 4:16

Paul asked if he had become their enemy

false teachers were trying to turn them against Paul - Gal. 1:7
false teachers tried to get them to follow another gospel - Gal. 1:8-9

Paul reminded them that he had shared the truth

Paul had shared the Word throughout the region- Acts 13:49
Paul regularly shared all that was profitable - Acts 20:20
Paul regularly shared the whole counsel of God - Acts 20:27

c. the Galatians were being deceived by false teachers - 4:17

the false teachers were seeking the Galatians

false teachers follow their leader, Satan - II Cor. 11:14
false teachers try to draw away people to get followers - Acts 20:30
the false teachers were not concerned about the good of the Galatians

false teachers carry out the work of Satan - II Cor. 11:13-15

the false teachers wanted to exclude the Galatians from God's grace

these false teachers may have been scribes or Pharisees - Matt. 23:15

the false teachers wanted the Galatians to follow them

that was why they were preaching another Gospel - Gal. 1:8-9

4. Christians were told that Paul had the concern of a parent - 4:18-20

a. Paul wanted the Galatians to have a real zeal for the Lord - 4:18

Paul wanted them to have a zeal for the true Gospel

Paul understood zeal without true faith - Phil. 3:6

Paul knew his zeal led him to persecute Christians - Acts 8:3

Paul said the Gospel was truth for all time

the Gospel is the message of the death and resurrection - I Cor. 15:1-6

the Gospel provides eternal life - Rom. 6:23

Paul said the Gospel was not just for when he was with them

Christians are to grow in grace - II Pet. 3:18

Christians are to become mature - II Tim. 3:16-17

b. Paul viewed the Galatians as his own children - 4:19

Paul had the concern of a parent for young children

Paul had this same concern for the Thessalonians - I Thess. 2:7-12

Paul had this same concern for the Corinthians - I Cor. 4:14-17

Paul had a great concern earlier for their salvation

Paul shared with both Jews and Gentiles - Acts 13:42-47

Paul had that same concern to see Christ formed in them

Paul wanted to see Christ in them - Gal. 2:20

Paul wanted to see them walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:16

Paul wanted to see them led by the Spirit - Gal. 5:18

Paul wanted to see them bear the fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22-23

c. Paul had a great desire to be present with the Galatians - 4:20

Paul wanted to be with them at that very moment

Paul had the concern of a spiritual parent - I Thess. 2:7-12

Paul had this same concern for other Christians - I Thess. 3:1-2

Paul did not want to speak to them with concern

Paul had encouraged them to continue in the faith - Acts 14:22

Paul had prepared them for tribulation - Acts 14:22

Paul said that he stood in doubt of them

Paul wanted Christians to become mature - Eph. 4:12-13

Paul knew that they were listening to false teachers - Gal. 1:7-9

Paul knew that the goal of false teachers is to deceive - Eph. 4:14

Paul knew false teachers want to destroy faith - I Tim. 1:19-20

I. Paul explained the difference between law and promise - 4:21-31

1. Abraham had two sons that provide an allegory - 4:21-24

a. the Galatians were not really hearing the law - 4:21

Paul asked the Galatians why they wanted to be under the law
the purpose of the law is only to bring us to faith - Gal. 3:24-25
Paul asked the Galatians if they really heard the law
the law does not justify but only shows sin - Rom. 3:20

b. the Galatians were reminded of the two sons of Abraham - 4:22

Paul reminded them that Abraham had two sons
these sons were both blessed by God - Gen. 17:19-21
Paul reminded them the first son was by the bondwoman
the son of the bondwoman was later cast out - Gen. 21:9-10
Paul reminded them the second son was by the freewoman
the son of the Sarah was born according to the promise - Gen. 21:15

c. the Galatians heard the son of the bondwoman was after the flesh - 4:23

Paul said the first son was born after the flesh
Ishmael was not born through the promise of God - Gen. 16:4-5, 15-16
Paul said the second son was the son of promise
Isaac was born through the promise of God - Gen. 17:15-19

d. the Galatians were told this was a covenant of bondage - 4:24

Paul said God gave this comparison that is symbolic
something symbolic has meaning beyond its literal meaning
Paul said the sons pictured two covenants
the old covenant was the law given to Moses - Ex. 20:1-17
the new covenant was for the forgiveness of sins - Matt. 26:28
the new covenant provides eternal redemption for us - Heb. 9:11-15
Paul said the first son pictured the law given at Sinai
the people thought that they could keep the old covenant - Ex. 19:5-8
Paul said that the law led to bondage
it is the law that gives the knowledge of sin - Rom. 3:20
the old covenant left people in bondage - Heb. 2:15

2. Abraham shows the difference between the earthly and the heavenly - 4:25-28

a. the Jerusalem temple and the law cause bondage to all - 4:25

Paul said that Hagar pictured the law

the law was given on earth and shows sin - Ex. 20:1-17

Paul said it pictured Israel that was now under the law

the law pictured those in Jerusalem who offered sacrifices - Heb. 9:7

the law and sacrifices could never take away sin - Heb. 10:4

Paul said Israel was in bondage with her children

those under sin are still in bondage - Heb. 2:14-15

b. the Jerusalem above is free - 4:26

Paul said that the Jerusalem that is above is free

Christ offered Himself for sin once for all - Heb. 10:12

Paul said that is the true mother of all who believe

Christ perfected forever those who are sanctified - Heb. 10:14

we are now able to come to the city of the living God - Heb. 12:22

c. the Jerusalem above produces genuine joy - 4:27

Paul said that those born from above can rejoice

Isaiah 54:1 is quoted as a promise about the Jerusalem above
salvation is offered to the Jews - Is. 55:1-7

salvation is also offered to the Gentiles - Rom. 10:9-13

Paul said that those born from above can cry for joy

believers can rejoice and give praise to God - Acts 2:47

people of every kindred will one day rejoice - Rev. 4:9-10

Paul said those born from above are true children

Abraham is the father of all children of faith - Rom. 4:13-18

d. the Jerusalem above is for the children of promise - 4:28

Isaac was a child of promise

Isaac was given to Abraham by promise - Gen. 17:15-19

Christians are also children of promise

Christians have also become heirs of promise - Gal. 3:29

Christians become joint heirs with Christ - Rom. 8:14-17

Christians are given liberty by Christ - Gal. 5:1

3. Abraham was told to cast out the bondwoman - 4:29-31

a. Abraham saw the one born after the flesh persecute the other - 4:29

the one of flesh persecuted the one after the Spirit in the time of Abraham

Ishmael mocked Isaac and made fun of him - Gen. 21:9

the ones of flesh persecute those born after the Spirit today

those after the Spirit mind the things of the Spirit - I Cor. 2:12-15

those after the flesh have different values - Rom. 8:5

the fleshly mind is at enmity with God - Rom. 8:6-8

the world hates us when it hates Christ - John 15:18-20

Christians can expect tribulation from the world - John 16:33

Christ has overcome the world - John 16:33

b. Abraham was told to cast out the bondwoman and her son - 4:30

Abraham was told what to do by God

God gave this message to Abraham by Sarah - Gen. 21:10

Abraham was told to cast out the bondwoman

Abraham sent away Hagar and her son - Gen. 21:14

Abraham was told to cast out the son of the bondwoman

God told Abraham to obey the words of Sarah - Gen. 21:12

Abraham was told the son of the bondwoman was not an heir

God said the covenant would not be with Ishmael - Gen. 17:20-21

Abraham was told that the son of the freewoman was the heir

God said He would establish His covenant with Isaac - Gen. 17:19

Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac - Gen. 25:5-6

God reminded Isaac of this covenant - Gen. 26:2-5

God reminded Jacob of this covenant - Gen. 28:10-15

c. Abraham showed that those who follow Christ are free - 4:31

Christians are not children of the bondwoman (law)

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law - Gal. 3:13

the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ - Gal. 3:24-25

Christians have been called unto liberty - Gal. 5:1

Christians are the children of the freewoman (grace)

Christians are saved by grace through faith - Eph. 2:8-9

Christians are now free to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

Christians walk by faith not by sight - II Cor. 5:7

III. The Galatians had the message of justification applied - 5:1-6:18

A. Paul said Christians have been set free from the law - 5:1-6

1. Christians are to remain free from the law - 5:1-3

a. Paul encouraged the Galatians to stand fast in their liberty - 5:1

the Galatians were to stand fast in liberty

Christians are to be unmovable in their position - I Cor. 15:58

Christians are to use liberty to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

the Galatians had been made free by Christ

Christians have been set free from the law - Gal. 3:23-25

Christians are to walk by faith not by sight - II Cor. 5:7

the Galatians were not to become entangled again

false teachers wanted to get the Galatians entangled again - Gal. 4:9

the Galatians were not to take a yoke of bondage

false teachers wanted to put the Galatians back under bondage - Gal. 2:4

we are to take the yoke of Christ not the yoke of bondage - Matt. 11:28-30

Christ is the One that makes us free - John 8:32, 36

b. Paul said that they had to choose Christ or circumcision - 5:2

Paul told the Galatians not to be circumcised

Titus was not required to be circumcised - Gal. 2:3

the church never required Gentiles to be circumcised - Acts 15:24

Paul told them that then Christ would profit them nothing

people can only enter the rest of God by faith - Heb. 4:1-2

without faith it is impossible to please God - Heb. 11:6

c. Paul said those circumcised had to keep the whole law - 5:3

the Galatians were not to be circumcised and follow the law

circumcision was not a requirement for Gentiles - Acts 15:24

keeping the whole law was impossible for the Jews - Acts 15:10

Israel never attained to the law of righteousness - Rom. 9:31-32

the Jews tried to establish their own righteousness - Rom. 10:2-3

the Galatians would have become debtors to the whole law

those who follow circumcision must keep the whole law - James 2:10

we are to follow Christ and not worry about circumcision - I Cor. 7:18

2. Christians are to live in Christ - 5:4-6

a. Paul said to follow the law was to reject Christ - 5:4

Christians would not benefit if they followed the law
the law shows that no flesh can be justified by the law - Rom. 3:19-20
we have become dead to the law and are delivered from it - Rom. 7:6
Christ could not benefit those who tried to be justified by the law
Christ is the end of the law to everyone that believes - Rom. 10:3-5
Christ would be separated from those who tried to be justified by the law
Christ died in vain if a person could become righteous by the law - Gal. 2:21
those who follow another gospel are accursed - Gal. 1:8-9
those who draw back from Christ face judgment - Heb. 10:38-39

b. Paul said Christians are to wait for the hope of righteousness - 5:5

believers can depend on the Spirit
we can walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:16
we can be led by the Spirit - Gal. 5:18
we can live in the Spirit - Gal. 5:25
we can be filled with the Spirit - Eph. 5:18
believers can wait for the hope of righteousness
faith is the way to receive God's righteousness - Rom. 4:4-5
our justification gives us peace and hope - Rom. 5:1-2
believers have this hope through faith
salvation is by grace through faith - Eph. 2:8-9
salvation was brought to us by the grace of God - Titus 2:11
true salvation gives us a desire to live godly lives - Titus 2:12
true salvation gives us a blessed hope - Titus 2:13

c. Paul said circumcision means nothing to those in Christ - 5:6

Christ is not received through circumcision
circumcision is not necessary for salvation - I Cor. 7:18
Christ is not received through uncircumcision
uncircumcision is not necessary for salvation - I Cor. 7:18
Christ is received by faith alone
without faith it is impossible to please God - Heb. 11:6
Christ said faith shows it is genuine by works of love
true faith causes us to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

B. Paul said those who practiced legalism were troubling them - 5:7-12

1. the Christians had started out well - 5:7-9

a. Paul asked who had hindered the Galatians - 5:7

the Galatians had started out by faith alone

salvation is by grace through faith - Eph. 2:8

salvation cannot be obtained through works - Eph. 2:9

the Galatians were now going back to the works of the law - Gal. 5:2-3

the Galatians had been hindered in their development

we are to understand that we are dead to sin - Rom. 6:2

we are no longer under the law - Gal. 3:24-25

we are alive in Christ and are to walk in newness of life - Rom. 6:4

the body of sin that was in our lives has been destroyed - Rom. 6:6

we are to put it to our account that we are dead to sin - Rom. 6:11

we are to yield the members of our body to God - Rom. 6:13, 16

we are saved by faith and we must walk by faith - II Cor. 5:7

the Galatians were not growing by faith

the Galatians were now trying to grow by the law - Gal. 5:2-3

b. Paul said that teaching did not come from the One that called them - 5:8

this effort to grow by works was not taught by Paul

the unbelieving Jews had tried to turn the Gentiles away from Paul - Acts 14:2

Paul had given testimony of the word of Christ's grace - Acts 14:3

this teaching was taught by certain false teachers from Judea - Acts 15:1

this growth by works did not come from the Lord that called them

Christ saved us by His mercy not by our works - Titus 3:5

Christ wants us to grow in grace and the knowledge of Him - II Pet. 3:18

Christ works in us and through us as we yield to Him - Rom. 6:13

c. Paul said a little leaven leavens the whole lump - 5:9

Paul said this teaching was like leaven

a little leaven (yeast) leavens the whole lump - I Cor. 5:6

Paul said that such teaching would affect them in every way

Christ warned the disciples about the leaven of the Pharisees - Matt. 16:6

Christ used leaven to describe the teachings of the Pharisees - Matt. 16:12

the Judaizers' teaching on works was perverting the Gospel - Gal. 1:6-7

2. the Christians were to put their confidence in the Lord - 5:10-12

a. Paul had confidence that the Galatians would not be deceived - 5:10

Paul had confidence in the Galatians

Paul knew that Christ would not lose those given to Him - John 6:38-39
Paul knew that no one could be taken out of the hand of Christ - John 10:27-29

Paul had this confidence through the Lord

Paul was confident that Christ would complete His work in them - Phil. 1:6

Paul felt they would not begin to think another way

Paul knew that Christ would keep them from falling - Jude 1:24

Paul said those who troubled them would be judged

false teachers who bring in destructive heresies will be judged - II Pet. 3:1

false teachers have a judgment being prepared for them - II Pet. 3:2-3

false teachers will be punished in the day of judgment - II Pet. 3:9

Paul said that was true regardless of who troubled them

God is righteous to judge those who trouble believers - II Thess. 1:6

b. Paul said he did not agree with those teaching circumcision - 5:11

Paul said he did not teach circumcision

Paul had formerly persecuted Christians - Acts 8:3

Paul said this persecution included killing them - Acts 22:4

Paul even went to foreign cities to persecute them - Acts 9:1-2

Paul counted his former teachings loss for Christ - Phil. 3:4-7

Paul said he would not be persecuted if he taught circumcision

the scribes traveled sea and land to win one proselyte - Matt. 23:15

Paul said such teaching would take away the offense of the cross

the message of the cross was a stumbling block to the Jews - I Cor. 1:23

the message of the cross was foolishness to the Gentiles - I Cor. 1:23

the message of the cross is received by those who are called - I Cor. 1:24

c. Paul said that these false teachers were troubling the Galatians - 5:12

Paul wished that the false teachers would be stopped

Christ said that the tares would be judged - Matt. 13:24-30, 36-42
the Lord will reserve false teachers for the day of judgment - II Pet. 2:9

Paul said that the false teachers were troubling them

they were troubling the believers by perverting the Gospel - Gal. 1:7

those who perverted the Gospel were accursed - Gal. 1:8-9

C. Paul explained the freedom that Christians have in the Spirit - 5:13-26

1. Christians are free to serve one another in love - 5:13-15

a. Paul said Christians are set free to serve one another - 5:13

Paul said believers have been called to liberty

Christians are to stand fast in our liberty - Gal. 5:1

Paul said that was not talking about liberty to sin

liberty is not the freedom to sin - Rom. 6:1-2

liberty is freedom to obey the new commandment - John 13:34-35

Paul said that was talking about liberty to serve one another

liberty is the freedom to accept differences in other Christians - Rom. 14:1-4

liberty is freedom not to make a brother stumble - Rom. 14:13-17

liberty is freedom to build up others in Christ - Rom. 14:19

Paul said that liberty could only be shown through love

liberty looks out for the best interests of others - Phil. 2:4

liberty is the freedom to love others as Christ loved us - I John 4:7-11

b. Paul said Christians are set free to love others - 5:14

Paul explained how the whole law is fulfilled

the law is fulfilled by love - Mark 12:28-34

Paul said that the law is fulfilled by loving one another

love of God and neighbor summarizes the Old Testament - Matt. 22:35-40

loving as Christ loved us summarizes the New Testament - John 13:34-35

Paul told how we are to love our neighbor

Christ explained how to love our neighbor - Luke 10:25-37

c. Paul said Christians are not to destroy one another - 5:15

love will not cause believers to bite one another

to bite is to wound one another with words - I Cor. 3:3

love will not cause believers to devour one another

to devour was used of scribes who stole widows' houses - Luke 20:47

to devour here speaks of continually wounding with words - Eph. 4:31

love will not cause believers to consume one another

consume - the last act of swallowing down or destroying - II Thess. 2:8

bite-devour-consume

the process which destroys a relationship with words

2. Christians are able to walk in the Spirit - 5:16-21

a. the works of the Spirit result when Christians walk in the Spirit - 5:16-18

1) Christians walking in the Spirit will not follow sin - 5:16

we are to walk in the Spirit
this will happen as we live in the Spirit - Gal. 5:25
we are not to fulfill the lust of the flesh
the lust of the flesh comes from the world - I John 2:15-17

2) Christians know that the flesh and the Spirit are in conflict - 5:17

the flesh opposes the work of the Spirit
the flesh leads Christians to sinful behavior - Gal. 5:19-21
the flesh is not helpful in spiritual conflict - II Cor. 10:2-5
Christians cannot grow to maturity by the flesh - Gal. 3:3
the flesh is opposed by the Spirit
Christians are able to walk after the Spirit - Rom. 8:4
Christians are able to grow in Christlikeness through the Spirit - Rom. 8:28-29
the flesh and the Spirit are contrary to one another
the Holy Spirit gives Christians power to live godly lives - Gal. 5:22-23
the flesh will lead the Christian to sin
the flesh will lead us to do the things we hate - Rom. 7:15
the flesh cannot give us power to do good - Rom. 7:18
the flesh will lead us to do what we do not want to do - Rom. 7:19
the flesh has been under the control of sin since Adam sinned - Rom. 7:20
the flesh can only bring us into captivity to sin - Rom. 7:23

3) Christians are to be led by the Spirit - 5:18

those who are led by the Spirit are Christians
those who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God - Rom. 8:14
those who are led by the Spirit are following the example of Christ - Luke 4:1
those who are led by the Spirit are living in the Spirit - Gal. 5:25
those who are led by the Spirit are learning to walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:16
those who are led by the Spirit are not under the law
we are no longer under the law once we come to Christ - Gal. 3:24-25
the strength of the law is sin so the law has lost its power over us - I Cor. 15:56
we have been free through the liberty given by Christ - Gal. 5:1

b. the works of the flesh result when people walk in the flesh - 5:19-21

1) the works of the flesh involve sexual sin - 5:19

the works of the flesh include adultery
adultery and other sex sin begins in the heart - Mark 7:21
the works of the flesh include fornication
the body is not for fornication - I Cor. 6:13
the works of the flesh include uncleanness
this is result of evil thinking - Eph. 4:17-19
the works of the flesh include lewdness
the flesh leads to all sorts of sexual sin - Eph. 5:3-5

2) the works of the flesh involve sorcery and anger - 5:20

the works of the flesh include idolatry
covetousness is idolatry - Col. 3:5
the works of the flesh include sorcery
sorcery comes from the Greek word “pharmakeia”
the works of the flesh include hatred
the works of the flesh include strife
the works of the flesh include jealousy
the works of the flesh include wrath
the works of the flesh include factions
the works of the flesh include seditions
the works of the flesh include heresies
the things above all cause divisions - I Cor. 3:3
those who cause divisions are not serving the Lord - Rom. 16:17-18

3) the works of the flesh will bring eternal judgment - 5:21

the works of the flesh include envyings
the works of the flesh include murders
the works of the flesh include drunkenness
the works of the flesh include revelings
the works of the flesh were part of our former life - I Pet. 4:3
the works of the flesh show a person is controlled by sin
this speaks of a person that lives in continual sin - Rom. 1:24-32
the works of the flesh show a person is not a believer
such a person will not inherit the kingdom of God - Eph. 5:5

3. Christians are free to bear the fruit of the Spirit - 5:22-26

a. the Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit - 5:22-23

1) the fruit of the Spirit is love - 22a

love is the new commandment - John 13:34-35

love causes us to serve one another - Gal. 5:13

love causes us to give our lives to serve others - I John 3:16-17

2) the fruit of the Spirit is joy - 22b

joy is the result of fellowship with God - I John 1:3-4

we can have joy in the middle of testing - James 1:2

we give others joy by being like-minded - Phil. 2:2

3) the fruit of the Spirit is peace -22c

peace is given by Christ - John 14:27

we are to let the peace of God rule in our hearts - Col. 3:15

peace transforms our hearts and our minds - Phil. 4:7-9

4) the fruit of the Spirit is longsuffering -22d

the prophets showed patience when they suffered - James 5:10

Christ showed His longsuffering by saving Paul - I Tim. 1:16

we are to minister to others with all longsuffering - II Tim. 4:2

5) the fruit of the Spirit is kindness - 22e

God showed the riches of His kindness to us - Rom. 2:4

God showed his exceeding riches in his kindness to us - Eph. 2:7

God changed us by His kindness and love - Titus 3:4

6) the fruit of the Spirit is goodness - 22f

God fulfills all of His goodness in us - II Thess. 1:11

we are able to be full of goodness - Rom 15:14

7) the fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness - 22g

we received salvation by faith - Eph. 2:8-9

we received the Holy Spirit by faith - Gal. 3:14

we walk by faith not by sight - II Cor. 5:7

we quench the fiery darts of the wicked with faith - Eph. 6:16

8) the fruit of the Spirit is gentleness - 23a

we are to restore others in the spirit of gentleness - Gal. 6:1

we are to walk in gentleness - Eph. 4:2

we are to instruct others in humility - II Tim. 2:25

we are to show humility to all people - Titus 3:2

9) the fruit of the Spirit is self-control -23b

Paul spoke to Felix about self-control - Acts 24:25

we are to develop self-control in our lives - II Pet. 1:6

this is a qualification for spiritual leadership - Titus 1:8

b. the Holy Spirit helps us walk in the Spirit - 5:24-26

1) Christians have put the flesh to death - 5:24

a Christian is a changed person

we have been made new creations - II Corinthians 5:17

we are to be transformed by renewing our minds - Rom. 12:2

a Christian has crucified the affections of the flesh

these formerly worked in us to produce the fruit of death - Rom. 7:5

a Christian has crucified the lusts of the flesh

our old man was crucified with Christ - Rom. 6:6

we are crucified with Christ and He lives within us - Gal. 2:20

sin no longer has dominion over us - Rom. 6:14

2) Christians are now to walk in the spirit - 5:25

a Christian now lives in the Spirit

it is the Spirit that gives life - John 6:63

we now have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us - Rom. 8:9

the Spirit is life because of righteousness - Rom. 8:10

our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit - I Cor. 6:19-20

a Christian is now able to walk in the Spirit

as we walk in the Spirit we do not fulfill the lust of the flesh - Gal. 5:16

we are able to also be led by the Spirit - Gal. 5:18

spiritual maturity is the result of walking in the Spirit - II Tim. 3:16-17

3) Christians are not to become conceited - 5:26

Christians are not to become conceited

we are not to be deceived by vain words - Eph. 5:6

Christ is the one who will give us the true glory - I Cor. 15:58

we are to have a humble mind - Phil. 2:3

Christians are not to provoke one another

we are not to challenge one another - II Cor. 12:20

Christians are not to envy one another

we were once living in malice and envy - Titus 3:3

those without Christ are full of envy - Rom. 1:29

envy is part of the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:21

a proud person is controlled by envy - I Tim. 6:4

envy has its source in Satan - James 3:14-16

D. Paul said Christians are now free to minister to one another - 6:1-10

1. Christians are to bear the burdens of one another - 6:1-3

a. the Galatians were taught how to restore those who sinned - 6:1

Christians can become trapped or caught in sin

Christians can become trapped in their former sins - James 5:16

Christians that are spiritual are to restore such a brother

we are to perfect what is lacking in their faith - I Thess. 3:10

Christians are to do this in the spirit of gentleness

restoration will only happen with a humble heart - Eph. 4:2

Christians are to consider themselves when they restore

we are to follow godly examples - Phil. 3:17

Christians are to realize they can also be tempted

we will be tempted if we are controlled by our own lusts - James 1:13-14

b. the Galatians were to bear one another's burdens - 6:2

Christians are to bear the burdens of one another

we are to hold up the strengthless - I Thess. 5:14

Christians are to carry out the law of Christ

the law of Christ is the new commandment - John 13:34-35

we carry out this command by serving one another - Gal. 5:13

we obey by laying down our lives for each other - I John 3:16-18

c. the Galatians were not to deceive themselves - 6:3

Christians are not to think they are something

we are to humble ourselves in the sight of God - James 4:10

we are to consider others better than ourselves - Phil. 2:3

Christians are to realize they are nothing in themselves

without Christ we can do nothing - John 15:5

we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us - Phil. 4:13

Christians deceive themselves when they think they are something

evil men deceive themselves while trying to deceive others - II Tim. 3:13

we deceive ourselves if we depend on the wisdom of the world - I Cor. 3:18-19

we deceive ourselves when we hear but do not obey - James 1:22

we deceive ourselves if we do not bridle our tongues - James 1:26

we deceive ourselves if we say that we have no sin - I John 1:8

2. Christians are to examine their own works - 6:4-6

a. the Galatians were to examine their own works - 6:4

Christians are to examine their own works

we are to make sure we are doing good works - Matt. 5:16

we must first examine our own lives to help others - Luke 6:41-42

we are to examine ourselves as a part of communion - I Cor. 11:28

Christians are to boast only about what the Lord has done in them

Christ is the One who redeemed us from the curse of the law- Gal. 3:13

we are to glory in what the Lord has done not what we have done - I Cor. 1:31

we are to glory in what Christ has done and not in men - I Cor. 3:21-23

Christians are not to compare themselves with others

those who compare themselves with others are not wise - II Cor. 10:12

we are to have a pure heart before God - I John 3:19-22

we are to esteem others better than ourselves - Phil. 2:3

b. the Galatians were to carry their own load - 6:5

Christians are to recognize their own load

each Christians is to learn to serve effectively - Eph. 4:16

we will give an account for what we have done - II Cor. 5:10

we will have our works tested by fire - I Cor. 3:12-15

Christians are to carry their own load

Christ only gives us a load that we can carry - Matt. 11:30

Christ will help us learn to rest in Him - Matt. 11:28-29

c. the Galatians were to share with those who taught them - 6:6

Christians have been taught by others

someone brought the Gospel to us - Rom. 10:14-17

Christians are to share with those that teach them

freely we have received so we are to freely give - Matt.10:8

we are to share with others as they share with us - Heb. 10:24-25

Paul knew the Romans could share with one another - Rom. 15:14

we are to pass on what we have learned from others - II Tim. 2:2

Christians are to share all good things

we are to be ready to share at all times - I Pet. 3:15

we are to share the Gospel with others- Rom. 10:15

we are to do good and to share - Heb. 13:16

3. Christians can sow to the Spirit - 6:7-10

a. the Galatians would reap what they sowed - 6:7

Christians are not to be deceived
immature Christians can be deceived - Eph. 4:14
Christians are to realize God will not be mocked
Christians are to know what they are sowing
we are to sow the precious seed of the Word of God - Ps. 126:5-6
Christians will reap as they have sown
those who sow bountifully will reap bountifully - II Cor. 9:6

b. the Galatians were to sow to the Spirit - 6:8

some choose to sow to the flesh
those who sow to the flesh do not do good things - Gal. 5:17
such will reap the corruption of the flesh
those who sow to the flesh reap eternal judgment - Gal. 5:19-21
some choose to sow to the Spirit
we are sowing in the Spirit as we walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:16
such will reap life everlasting from the Spirit
we will bear much fruit as we abide in Christ - John 15:7-8

c. the Galatians were promised that harvest time would come - 6:9

Christians are not to become weary of doing good
doing good is how we silence foolish men - I Pet. 2:15
Christians are to recognize that the harvest will come in due time
we reap the harvest at a different time than we sow - Mark 4:26-29
Christians are to recognize the harvest will come if they do not faint
we will reap if we have sown the good seed - Mark 4:20; Gal. 6:7-8

d. the Galatians were to do good to all - 6:10

Christians have been given this life to do good
we are to reap while we have the opportunity - John 4:35
Christians are to do good to all
we are to look for opportunities to share the Gospel - II Tim. 4:1-2
Christians are to especially do good to the household of faith
we are to look for ways to minister to other Christians - Rom. 12:10-13

E. Paul expressed his love for the Galatians - 6:11-18

1. the Galatians were told Paul would glory in the Lord - 6:11-15

a. Paul had written this letter himself - 6:11

Paul wrote this letter with large letters

Paul wanted to clearly communicate his concern - Gal. 1:6-9

Paul wrote this letter with his own hand

Paul usually had someone else write and he just signed - Col. 4:18

b. Paul said there were those who want to boast in their flesh - 6:12

there were people that wanted to focus on the flesh

this was the false gospel about which Paul had warned - Gal. 1:8-9

there were people that wanted to compel others to be circumcised

these false teachers said Gentiles had to be circumcised - Acts 15:1, 5

there were people that did not want to suffer persecution

these people wanted to avoid persecution - Gal. 5:11

there were people who did not want to recognize the cross of Christ

many people want to avoid the teaching of the cross - I Cor. 1:22-25

c. Paul said those who were circumcised did not keep the law - 6:13

there were those who were circumcised that did not keep the law

the Jews had never been able to obey the law themselves - Acts 15:10

there were those who were circumcised that wanted to boast about others

this was the same teaching the scribes and Pharisees taught - Matt. 23:15

d. Paul said he would only glory in Christ - 6:14

Paul did not want to boast about the wrong things

Paul counted what he did in the flesh as loss - Phil. 3:4-7

Paul said he would boast about the cross of Christ

Paul determined to focus on the cross of Christ - I Cor. 2:2

Paul said that the world had been crucified to him

Paul said that our old man was crucified with Christ - Rom. 6:4-6

Paul said that he had been crucified to the world

Paul said Christ now lived in him - Gal. 2:20

those born of God have overcome the world - I John 5:4

e. Paul said circumcision meant nothing in Christ - 6:15

in Christ we do not focus on circumcision
we are no longer under the law - Gal. 3:24-25
in Christ we do not focus on uncircumcision
we are to remain in the state in which we were called - I Cor. 7:19-20
in Christ we focus on the fact we are a new creation
we become a new creation in Christ - II Cor. 5:17
we have been sealed by the Holy Spirit - Eph. 1:13-14
we now have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us - John 14:16-17

2. the Galatians were given final greetings - 6:16-18

a. Paul urged the Galatians to walk in new life - 6:16

as Christians we are to walk in peace
we have peace with God because we have been justified - Rom. 5:1
as Christians we are to walk in mercy
God showed us the riches of His mercy - Eph. 2:4-7
God washed away our sin and gave us the Holy Spirit - Titus 3:5
as Christians we are spiritual descendents of Abraham
those who are of faith are the sons of Abraham - Gal. 3:7

b. Paul said that he had the scars of persecution - 6:17

Paul did not want to be troubled by others
Paul knew his position in Christ - Gal. 2:20
Paul bore in his body the marks of persecution
Paul had been stoned for Christ - Acts 14:14
Paul had been beaten for Christ - Acts 16:22-24
Paul endured much suffering for Christ - II Cor. 11:23-27

c. Paul wanted the Galatians to enjoy grace - 6:18

Paul wanted the believers to experience the grace of Christ
we are saved by grace through faith - Eph. 2:8-9
we are to grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ - II Pet. 3:18
Paul wanted them to know Christ was with them
Christ said He would be with us always - Matt. 28:20
Christ said He would never leave us or forsake us - Heb. 13:5