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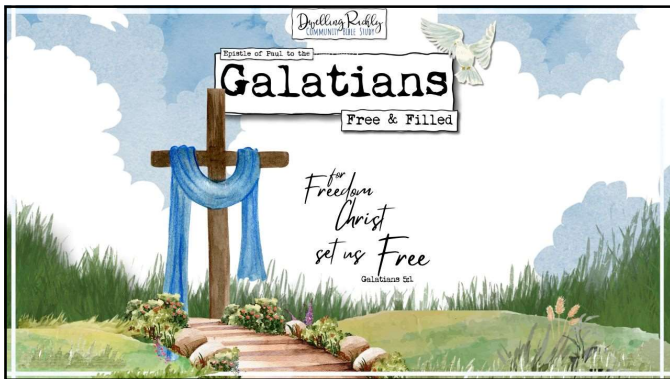
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**Connect to the Torah**

“The new is in the old  
concealed; the old is in the  
new revealed.”

-St. Augustine

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**Connect to the Torah**

- 1. The Purpose of the Law: Revealing Sin and Our Need for a Savior
- Galatians: Paul echoes this truth in Galatians 3:24 when he says, "So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith." He stresses that the Law shows us our sin but can't save us; only faith in Jesus can.

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**Connect to the Torah**

- 1. The Purpose of the Law: Revealing Sin and Our Need for a Savior
- 2. Freedom in God's Covenant Relationship
- Galatians: Paul addresses the Galatians who were being led into legalism, reminding them in Galatians 5:1, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Just as God freed Israel to serve Him, we are freed in Christ—not to return to the bondage of legalism or sin, but to live in the freedom of grace and obedience to God.

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**Connect to the Torah**

- 1. The Purpose of the Law: Revealing Sin and Our Need for a Savior
- 2. Freedom in God's Covenant Relationship
- 3. Faith and the Promise of Salvation
- Galatians: Paul directly ties this promise to the gospel, showing that just as Abraham was justified by faith, so are we (Galatians 3:6-9). The promise of salvation comes through faith, not works of the Law.

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**Connect to the Torah**

- 1. The Purpose of the Law: Revealing Sin and Our Need for a Savior
- 2. Freedom in God's Covenant Relationship
- 3. Faith and the Promise of Salvation
- 4. The Danger of Legalism and Adding to God's Commands
- Galatians: Paul addresses the Galatians who were being led to believe that faith in Christ was not enough and that they needed to follow Jewish laws like circumcision (Galatians 2:15-16). He firmly declares that adding anything to the gospel of grace distorts the truth and leads to bondage (Galatians 1:6-9).

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**Connect to the Torah**

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- 5. Living as God's Set Apart People
- Galatians: New identity of believers as set apart through faith in Christ. Galatians 3:28, unity of believers—whether Jew or Gentile—under Christ. God's people no longer tied to observing the Law but is fulfilled in walking by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-18).

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**Getting into Galatians**

I can't believe how you waver—how easily you have turned traitor to him who called you by the grace of Christ by embracing an alternative message! It is not a minor variation, you know; it is completely other, an alien message, a no-message, a lie about God. Those who are provoking this agitation among you are turning the Message of Christ on its head. Let me be blunt: If one of us—even if an angel from heaven!—were to preach something other than what we preached originally, let him be cursed. I said it once; I'll say it again: If anyone, regardless of reputation or credentials, preaches something other than what you received originally, let him be cursed.

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**Getting into Galatians**

- 6-7 I am amazed that you have so quickly transferred your allegiance ...there are obviously men who are upsetting your faith with a travesty of the Gospel of Christ.
- 8-10 Yet I say that if I, or an angel from Heaven, were to preach to you any other Gospel than the one you have heard, may he be damned! You have heard me say it before and now I put it down in black and white—may anybody who preaches any other Gospel than the one you have already heard be a damned soul! (Does that make you think now that I am serving man's interests or God's? If I were trying to win human approval I should never be Christ's servant.)

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Key Theme

**FREEDOM**

free to live as God has called us  
filled with His Spirit  
not bound by legalistic expectations  
or our own efforts.

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GALATIANS: SETTING

**Galatia**

- A region
- Turkey
- Gentiles & Jews

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GALATIANS: THEME

**The Sufficient Gospel**

- Addressing the issue
  - Faith not enough
  - Circumcision required
- Answering the issue
  - The Gospel
  - Grace alone
  - Faith alone
  - Christ alone

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**GALATIANS: AUTHOR**

**Paul**

- Saul (Hebrew) Paul (Greek)
- Persecutor
- Preacher
- Planting churches
- 13 or 14 letters
- P. = Polluted by sin
- A. = Apostle
- U. = Uncompromising
- L. = Loving

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**GALATIANS: The Heart**

- What do I need to do to be accepted by God?
- Do I need to add something to the gospel to make it complete?

Answer: nothing more, nothing less—Jesus is enough.

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**D.W.E.L.L.**

- **D-Discover:**
  - Who? To Whom? What? When? Where? Why?
  - Summarize in a word or phrase.
- **W-Wonder:** Ask questions.
- **E-Examine:**
  - Repeats
  - Flow
- **L-Link:**
  - Cross-reference Scriptures
  - Worship
- **L-Live:**
  - Confess & Repent
  - Grow & Love

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**D.W.E.L.L.**

First, we shake the whole tree to get the ripest fruit, but then we go branch by branch, twig by twig, even looking under each leaf.

~ Martin Luther

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“Christian Freedom is not the right to do as I wish, but the power to do as I should.”

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**Why Galatians**

Scripture never encourages us to minimize or turn a blind eye to such matters. Instead, we are commanded to “contend earnestly” for the faith. The Apostle Paul uses no soft language in Galatians 1 to address those who bring other Gospels into the Church - he calls them “**accursed**.” Jesus does not treat lightly those using the temple to peddle worldly goods for worldly gain-He drives them out with a whip.

- Megan Basham

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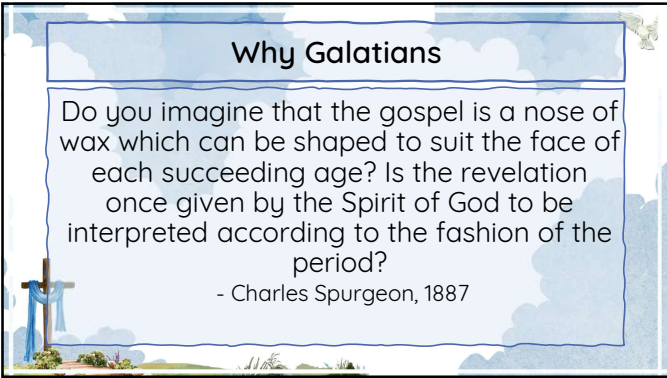
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**Why Galatians**

Do you imagine that the gospel is a nose of wax which can be shaped to suit the face of each succeeding age? Is the revelation once given by the Spirit of God to be interpreted according to the fashion of the period?

- Charles Spurgeon, 1887



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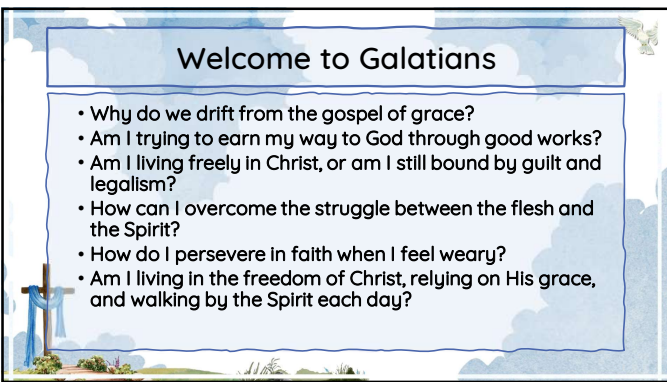
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**Welcome to Galatians**

- Why do we drift from the gospel of grace?
- Am I trying to earn my way to God through good works?
- Am I living freely in Christ, or am I still bound by guilt and legalism?
- How can I overcome the struggle between the flesh and the Spirit?
- How do I persevere in faith when I feel weary?
- Am I living in the freedom of Christ, relying on His grace, and walking by the Spirit each day?



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Dwelling Richly  
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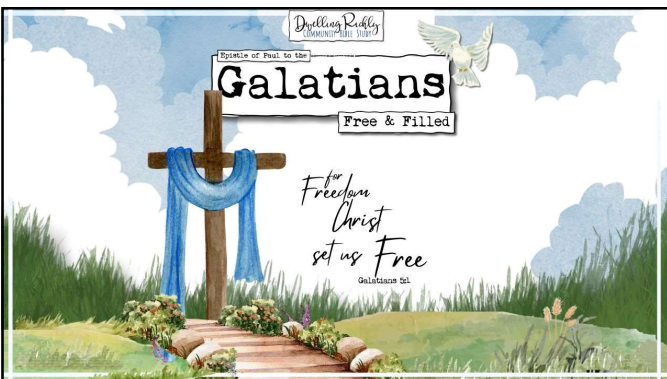
Epistle of Paul to the

**Galatians**

Free & Filled

*For Freedom  
Christ  
set us Free*

Galatians 5:1



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### Resources

- **Lessons**
  - Printed and available each time we meet
  - Download to view or print at home here:
    - [jennifergrichmond.com/galatians-free-and-filled-lessons/](http://jennifergrichmond.com/galatians-free-and-filled-lessons/)
    - Church Center group:
      - [imcc.churchcenter.com/my/groups/dwelling-richly](http://imcc.churchcenter.com/my/groups/dwelling-richly)
- **Find a typo?**
  - Look for the "Typo Alert" thread in the group.

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### Attend

- **In person** - La Mirada Church
- **Online** - Zoom - the link is the same every session.

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  - La Mirada Church
  - Text: 562.524.1119 (church)
- **Church Center App**
- **Grace Group Leaders**
  - In the Group (Church Center)
  - Shared contact info

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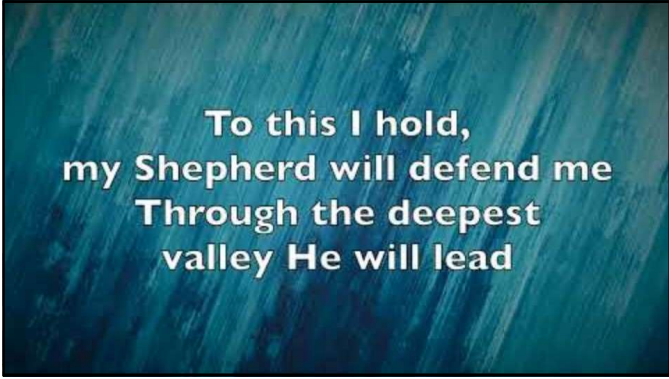
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