

“GALATIANS – Freedom in Christ”
OUTLINE + Session 1 -- September 9, 2020
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Context:

- Sundays: Fall20/Winter21 → Acts, Romans
- Wednesdays: In Depth – Galatians;
 - Role of Women
 - 1 Corinthians

September 9 SESSION 1 -- Galatians: Background

- Galatians -- Biographical Pieces
- Acts/Paul Timeline – The first 35 years!
- Key Words in Galatians

September 16 SESSION 2 -- BACKGROUND (contd)

September 23 SESSION 3

- Galatians 1:1-2:21—Self-Defense of Paul’s Authority
- Galatians 1:1-10 -- Initial Statement
- * The Gospel
 - * Galatians Abandoning the Gospel
 - * The questioning of Paul's Authority/Integrity
- Galatians 1:11-2:10 – Biographical Events
- * Conversion in Damascus (1:12-17)/Acts 9, 22, 26
 - * Visit to Jerusalem (1:18-20)
 - * Living in Asia Minor (Syria, Cilicia, 1:21-24)
 - * Return visit to Jerusalem (2:1-10)
- Galatians 2:11-14 -- Confrontation with Peter
- * Peter's wishy-washiness
 - * Paul's courage in confronting!!
- Galatians 2:15-21 -- The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles

September 30 SESSION 4

- Galatians 3:1-5 -- The Galatians' Experience of the Spirit
- Galatians 3:6-18 -- What the OT Scriptures say about Faith and Law

- *The case of Abraham
- *The word to Habakkuk
- *The word of Moses (Deuteronomy)

October 7 SESSION 5

- Galatians 3:19-5:1 -- Why Did God give the Law? What is God up to?
- * the Giving of the law
 - * The Law and the Promises
 - * The Law and Freedom in Christ
 - * The Example of Hagar/Ishmael

October 14 SESSION 6

- Galatians 5:1-26 -- Christian Freedom I
- *5:2-12 Not circumcision but Faith working through love
 - *5:13-15 Freedom, License, Love
 - *5:16-26 Life in the Spirit -- A Battle; Fruit

October 21 SESSION 7

- Galatians 6 – Christian Freedom II
- *1-5 Bearing Burdens of other & self
 - *6. Honoring teachers
 - * 7-10. Reaping & Sowing: not growing weary 11-18Centrality of the death of Jesus on the cross

September 9,16 --- SESSION 1 & 2

Galatians -- Biographical Pieces

- 1:7 Bad guys confusing, perverting the gospel
- 5:7-12 Bad Guys preventing obedience to truth, confusing, slandering Paul
- 5:2; 6:11-13 Bad Guys want them circumcised
- 3:1-6 Galatians are foolish, bewitched; had seen the Spirit at work
- 4:8,9 Galatians Before Paul: God not known; now they know/ known

- 4:12-20 Galatians lost their first love for Paul; who loved them
 5:15 Galatian Enmity in the community
- 1:6-10 Paul's Character Impugned as seeking human approval
 1:1,11-2:10 Paul's Defense of his Calling—his initial life as a Christian
 Mentions Pater and a place called Antioch
- 4:13-16, 19-20 Paul's love for the Galatians, and his perplexity
 5:11, 6:17 Paul still being persecuted; accused of inconsistency
 (cf. 1 Cor. 9:19-24; Acts 16:1-5)

ACTS – the first 35 years!!

- Acts 1-2 AD 33?
 • Jesus Life/Death/Resurrection
 • Pentecost – Church is born; established, grows – all seems perfect
- Acts 3-4
 • Peter takes the lead and is persecuted
- Acts 5
 • Imperfection hits the church (Ananias & Sapphira)
 • + more growth & persecution
- Acts 6-7 AD 36?
 • More Imperfection in the church – structure is required (Deacons established)
 • + more persecution (Stephen persecuted by a Pharisee, Saul/Paul)
- Acts 8
 • Persecution by Saul
 • Leads to church spreading out and growing (Philip)
- Acts 9
 • Saul – Converted. Commissioned to preach to the Gentiles (9:15)
- Acts 9-11
 • Peter – Given a vision for the gentiles (Cornelius, a Roman Centurion)
 • Shares his experience with the Jerusalem Church
 • Paul Goes to Tarsus in Cilicia (home town; southern Turkey)
- Acts 11:19-30 AD 44
 • The Church of Jews and Gentiles in Antioch --
 • First called Christians
 • Paul arrives in Antioch from Tarsus

- Acts 12
 • Church keeps growing
 • More persecution of Peter
 • Rise of Jesus' brother, James, to Jerusalem/Jewish leadership
- Acts 13-14 AD 46-49
 • Paul's mission – Paul is sent from Antioch to Jews AND Gentiles
 • Paul visits Roman Province of (North) Galatia
 • Paul returns to Antioch – Turmoil between Jews and Gentiles over Circumcision; returns to Antioch
- Acts 15 AD 49/50
 • Jerusalem Council called to deal with the Jewish/Gentile split
 ○ Paul, Peter, James were there
- Acts 16-18 AD 50-52
 • 2nd Missionary Journey visits Phrygian Galatia ends at Antioch
 ○ Acts of the Apostles 16.6: They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.
 ○ Acts of the Apostles 18.23: After spending some time there he departed and went from place to place through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.
- Acts 18-20
 ○ 3rd Missionary Journey AD 54-58

Key Words In Galatians

Law (promise, Scripture)	<i>nomos</i>
Covenant	<i>diathēkē</i>
Circumcision	<i>periptōma</i>
Faith (Faithfulness?)	<i>pistis</i>
Justification (righteousness)	<i>dikaioSunē</i>
Slave (Servant)	<i>doulos</i>
Jesus, Christ, God	<i>Iēsous, Christos, Theos</i>
Spirit	<i>pneuma</i>
Grace (Gift?)	<i>charis</i>
Free	<i>eleutheros</i>
Live, Life, Alive	<i>zaō, zōe</i>