

Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

Chapter 1

Introduction:

1. Galatia was a region in central Asia Minor (modern Turkey).
2. Paul had planted these churches on his first missionary journey and he loved these people dearly. vs. 4:13-14, 19
3. Paul's heart was aching because false teachers had crept into the churches of Galatia and were corrupting the doctrines of _____ that Paul had taught.
4. These false teachers were attempting to bring the Galatians back under the bondage of the Old Testament law, convincing them that righteousness can be gained through _____-keeping.
 - *“For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”*
5. The battle lines were clearly drawn and in this letter Paul rolls out the cannons of grace and fires one blast after another.

Romans 10:3-4

Verse 1

- A. Right away, Paul establishes his credentials as a God-called apostle of Jesus Christ.
- B. Christ chose twelve to be apostles during His _____ ministry to Israel.
- C. Can you answer the following questions about the apostle Paul?
 1. Was Paul appointed to be an apostle by the twelve (Galatians 1:1, 16-17)?
 Yes No
 2. Did Paul travel and preach with the twelve (Galatians 2:9)? Yes No
 3. Did any of the twelve teach Paul the truths of grace for this Church age (Galatians 1:11-12)? Yes No
 4. Was Paul's mission different than that of the twelve (Galatians 2:9)?
 Yes No

- D. Clearly, Paul's apostleship and ministry were separate and unique from that of the _____ . 1 Corinthians 15:4-10
- E. The twelve had a _____ ministry and Paul's was primarily a _____ ministry. Galatians 1:16; Ephesians 3:8; 2 Timothy 4:17
- *"For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office."* **Romans 11:13**
 - *"Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity."*
1 Timothy 2:7
- F. Because Paul's apostleship was not originated or sanctioned by the _____, many of the Jewish legalists would undermine Paul and raise doubts in the churches concerning Paul's apostleship and authority.
- G. So, Paul makes it clear in the first verse of this letter that his apostleship was not of _____, but a divine calling from Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

- A. This letter is unique, as it is the only letter written by Paul to a _____ of churches.
- B. These were churches Paul founded on his _____ missionary journey.
- When Paul left these converts, they were happy and rejoicing in the _____ and grace of Jesus Christ.
- C. Jewish false teachers came in and began to lay down _____ and laws that they said the Galatians had to keep if they wanted to be saved and right with God.
- D. Paul is writing to these churches to defend his ministry and his message of _____.