

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

Galatians

Overview

Paul, the ex-Pharisee, the one who, prior to knowing Jesus, followed every jot and tittle of the law, found the liberty and the power of grace granted through faith. The believers in Galatia knew they could not earn their salvation. But, they fell prey to trying to earn God's grace on a daily basis. This resulted in a bondage that grieved the heart of Paul. He desired for them to experience the freedom Christ came for them to have. Grieved with their error, Paul wrote this letter that has come to be known as Galatians. As you study this letter, may you come to a greater appreciation of the power God has made available to each believer through the Holy Spirit. May you understand that your *flesh* need not have dominion over you; that as *you walk in the Spirit, you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh*.

Chapter One

1. Who wrote this letter? verse 1
2. Who did he write the letter to? verse 2
 - a. Highlight or circle on the map below the area mentioned.



Challenge: Find a modern map and identify these areas as they are called today.

3. List two truths revealed in this chapter about God (The Father, Son or Holy Spirit).
4. What are some important/key words used in this chapter?
 - a. A key word in this chapter is *gospel*. List two truths revealed in this chapter about the *gospel*.
5. Paul quickly moved to expressing to his readers that he *marveled* (verse 6). What had these believers done that caused Paul to *marvel*?
6. As you read through this chapter, make note of a few statements that Paul made about himself. What have you already discovered about Paul from this chapter?
7. What are the key points of this chapter that you think are important to understand and apply?
8. Questions (if any) that were stirred up as you read:

Chapter Two

1. List two truths revealed in this chapter about God.
2. What are some important/key words used in this chapter?
 - a. Again, we see that one of the key words in chapter 2 is *gospel*. List two truths revealed in this chapter about the *gospel*.
 - b. The contrasting word *but* is used 48 times in the letter to the Galatians. One of the contrasts that is repeated is the contrast between the *law* and *faith* and *grace*. Paul begins this contrast in chapter 2. Note the use of the word *law* in verses 16-21. Record two points Paul made about the *law*.

3. What are the key points of this chapter that you think are important to understand and apply?
4. Questions (if any) that were stirred up as you read:

Chapter Three

1. List two truths revealed in this chapter about God.
2. What are some important/key words used in this chapter?
 - a. Paul steps up his contrast of *law* and *faith* in chapter 3. Record two statements he made about:
law

faith
3. Paul uses the example of Abraham. What is written about Abraham in Galatians 3?
 - a. We see the term of conclusion *therefore* in verse 7. What is the conclusion about the true *sons of Abraham*?
4. We discover another *therefore* in verse 24 – the revealed purpose of the *law*. What is it?
5. What are the key points of this chapter that you think are important to understand and apply?
6. Questions (if any) that were stirred up as you read:

Chapter 4

1. List two truths revealed in this chapter about God.
2. What are some important/key words used in this chapter?
 - a. Rather than experiencing the freedom of their new life in Christ, these believers were in *bondage*. Note this key word and record two statements about their *bondage*.
3. Chapter four contains the word *therefore* two times. Verse 7 reveals the status of the believer. What is it?
4. What are the key points of this chapter that you think are important to understand and apply?
5. Questions (if any) that were stirred up as you read:

Chapter 5

1. List two truths revealed in this chapter about God (do not include the Holy Spirit, as we will make a list about Him in question 2a).
2. What are some important/key words used in this chapter?
 - a. The key word *flesh* appears in every chapter of Galatians. As Paul moves to teaching of the power we can have over the *flesh*, he introduces the Holy Spirit. What are some statements Paul made about Him in verses 16-25?

3. Paul begins this chapter with the term of conclusion *therefore* based on his arguments in the previous chapters. What instruction does he give to believers?
4. In addition to the instruction preceded by the word *therefore*, list two other instructions given in this chapter.
5. What are the key points of this chapter that you think are important to understand and apply?
6. Questions (if any) that were stirred up as you read:

Chapter 6

1. List two truths revealed in this chapter about God.
2. What are some important/key words used in this chapter?
 - a. The word *flesh* keeps popping up. What does Paul tell us about the *flesh*?
3. Paul concludes this letter with many statements and truths. List two.
4. What are the key points of this chapter that you think are important to understand and apply?
5. Questions (if any) that were stirred up as you read:

Summary

1. **Author's purpose:** Why do you think Paul wrote this letter?
2. What subjects from Galatians are you looking forward to studying this year?
3. As you finish this homework, record some of your favorite verses from Galatians.

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;
and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself for me.
- Galatians 2:20*