

GALATIANS

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Answering Nine Questions

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- 2) Who was it written to?
- 3) Where was it written from?
- 4) When was it written?
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1. Who Wrote It? Authorship

- Paul-Gal 1:1; 5:2
- Pauline theology



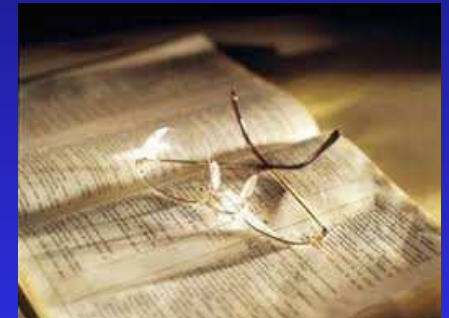
2. Who Was It Written to? Audience

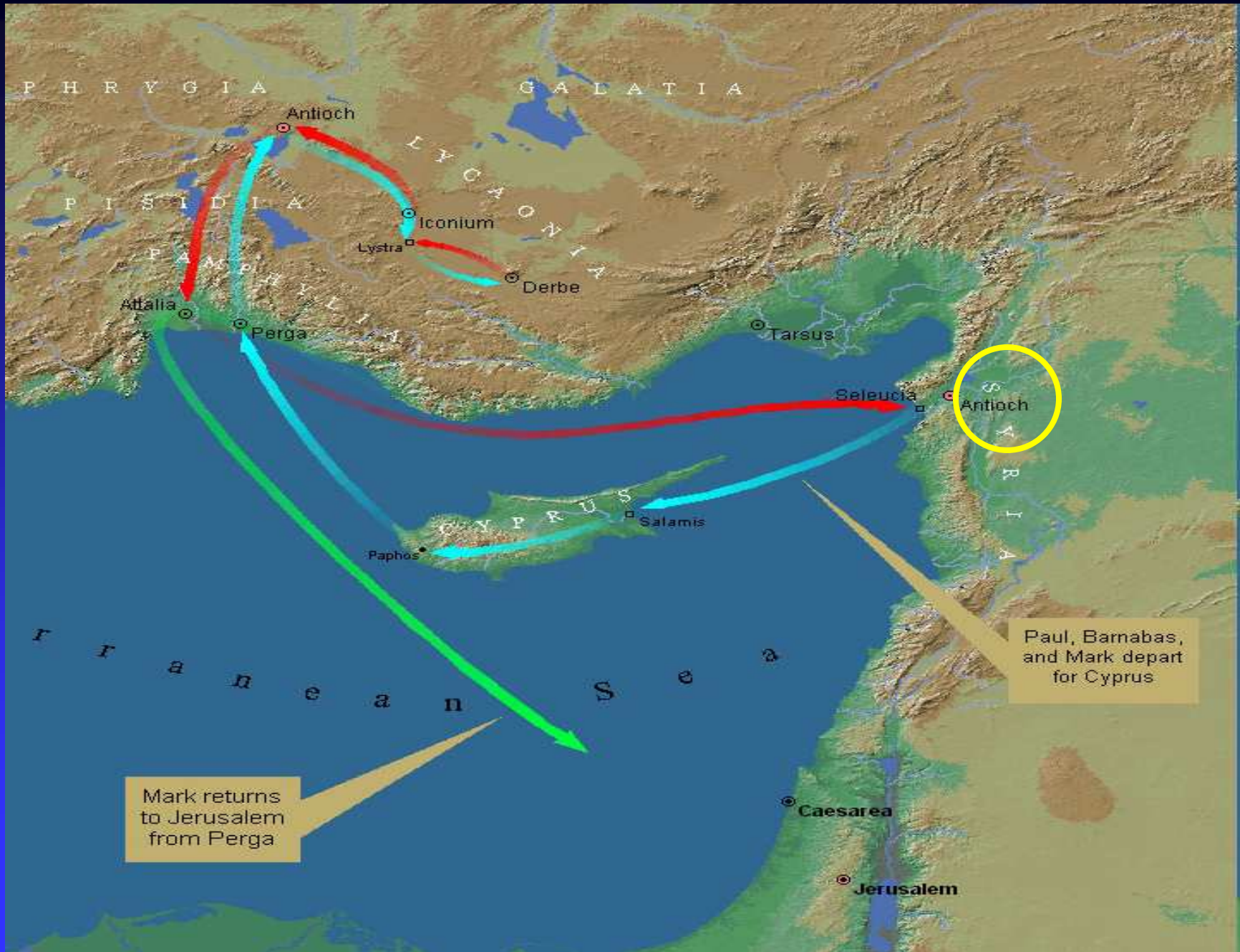
- Galatians (1:2; 3:1)
- Believers (3:3; 4:6)



Southern Galatian Theory

- Majority view
- Paul planted the churches in S. Galatia on his 1st missionary journey
- Paul wrote to these churches from Syrian Antioch at the conclusion of the 1st missionary journey but before the Jerusalem council (49)





Mark returns to Jerusalem from Perga

Paul, Barnabas, and Mark depart for Cyprus

3. Where Was It Written From?

Place of Writing

- Syrian Antioch
- New headquarters of the early church
- Launching place of Paul's three missionary journeys



4. When Was it Written? Date of Writing

- A.D. 49
- Earliest of Paul's letters



5. Why Was It Written? Occasion

- New converts (Gal 3:3; 4:6) from the first missionary journey
- Judaizers had infiltrated the S. Galatian churches



3 Phases of Salvation



- **Justification:** freedom from sin's penalty
- **Sanctification:** freedom from sin's power
- **Glorification:** freedom from sin's presence

Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

3 Types of Pharisees



Type	Overthrown
Justification (Faith + Law of Moses to get saved)	Matt 5:20
Sanctification (Faith & Law of Moses to grow as a believer)	Galatians
Ecclesiology (Faith + Law of Moses to join the Church)	Acts 15

5. Why Was It Written? Occasion

- Ad hominem attack against Paul
 - ◆ Apostleship (1 Cor 15:8-9)
 - ◆ License



6. What is Inside? Structure

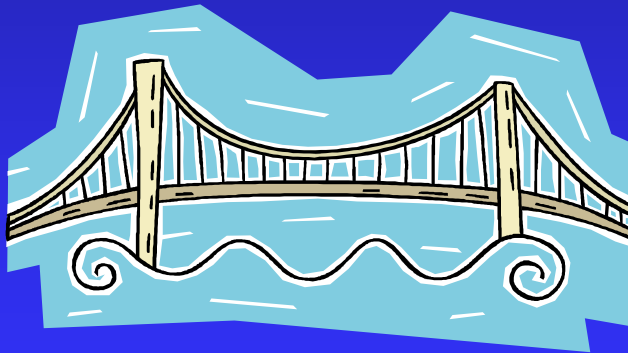
- Chapters 1–2: Autobiographical section
- Chapters 3–4: Doctrinal section
- Chapters 5–6: Practical section



Galatians 5:1

Therefore...

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7a. What is the Book About? Message

- Christian sanctification is achieved by depending upon the resources of the Spirit rather than through submission to the Mosaic Law



7b. What is the Book About?

Purpose

- To convince the Galatian believers to embrace Paul's understanding of sanctification and reject the Judaizers understanding of sanctification

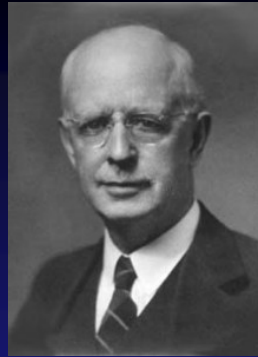


8. How Does This Book Apply? Application

- Many believers follow a list of “dos and don'ts” rather than depending upon the Spirit's resources in a misguided attempt to please God in their daily lives



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“Now you have the country just filled with preachers. If you could have stopped into all the services that were held last Sunday between the Atlantic and the Pacific, you would have heard a mess of sermons.

All of them can be boiled down to just two words – be good!

But how many sermons were preached last Sunday, that tell people “how” to be good? They just don’t know anything about that. That involves the plan of deliverance from the reigning power of sin and I have tried to tell you that is one of the most neglected things – *How to be good?*

God has a way , a plan, and a provision, but you must know and understand it and I’m just ambitious enough to hope that you men are going to get out there and teach it. Don’t say it’s too big a job to make the average audience understand. **They have to understand it if they are to walk as Christians.”**

Romans 8:29-30

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Where's sanctification?

9 . What Makes the Book Different? Unique Characteristics

- Autobiographical
- Circular letter
- Severity of tone (3:1) coupled with tenderness (Gal 4:19)
- Multiple literary devices



Nine Questions Answered

- 1) Who wrote it? **Paul**
- 2) Who was it written to? **Galatians**
- 3) Where was it written from? **Syrian Antioch**
- 4) When was it written? **A.D. 49**
- 5) Why was it written? **Counteract the Judaizers**



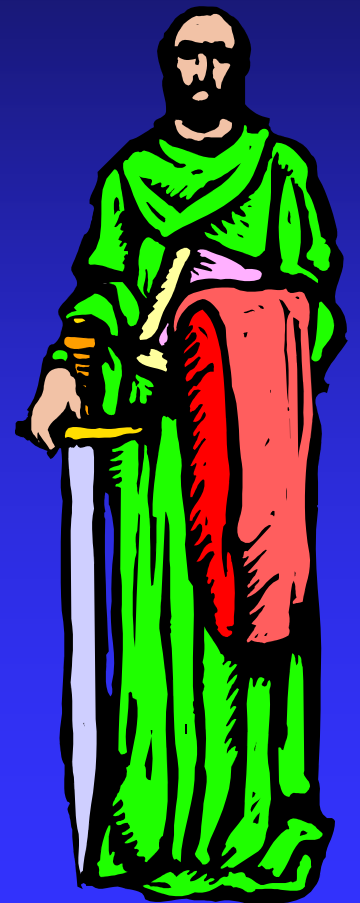
Nine Questions Answered (cont'd)

- 6) What is inside? **Autobiography, doctrine, application**
- 7) What is it about? **Sanctification attained the same way as justification**
- 8) How does the book apply to daily life? **How to be holy**
- 9) What makes the book different?
Autobiographical, circular, severe/tender, literary devices

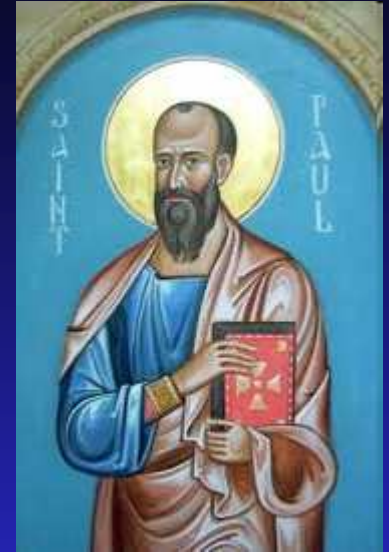


Introduction (Gal 1:1-10)

- Greeting (Gal 1:1-2)
- Gospel (Gal 1:3-5)
- Denunciation (Gal 1:6-10)



Greeting (1:1-2)



- Paul's immediate focus on his apostleship (1:1)
- Paul's message was consistent with what the other apostle's taught (1:2)

Gospel (1:3)

■ 1:3

- ◆ Grace: unmerited favor
- ◆ Peace:
 - ◆ positional (Rom 8:1)
 - ◆ experiential (Philip 4:6-7)



Gospel (1:4-5)

- Problem: our evil age
- Solution: the Gospel
 - ◆ Christ gave Himself
 - ◆ Rescues us from the present evil age
 - ◆ Our present sanctification is God's will
 - ◆ Our sanctification glorifies God

