

## Galatians Introduction

These churches were quite familiar to the apostle Paul. He travelled through this region of Galatia on all 3 of his missionary Journeys. He established these churches on his 1<sup>st</sup> Journey (**Acts 14**), and revisited the area on each of his later journeys (**Act 16,18:23**).

This letter seems to indicate that it was written shortly after his 1<sup>st</sup> journey there, as his reference in **1:6**, seems to indicate that soon after they were converted, they were turning away from the Gospel. And Paul marveled at how soon this was taking place.

The message of this letter seems to be how these “New” converts have succumbed to the pressure of these Judaizing teachers. (Jewish Christians who demanded that the Gentile Christians be circumcised and certain other elements of the Law of Moses be followed as well). By thus accepting this “New” Gospel, they were adding certain Jewish practices to the teachings of the apostles, and their “Gospel”. Paul sees this as leaving the true teachings of Justification by faith, and reverting back to a system of Law/works. Paul expresses his anger towards these “Judaizers” and his disappointment in the Galatian brethren for how soon they had abandoned the teaching of the Gospel, for this false teaching.

Paul will have to “reteach” these brethren on the Gospel concept of “Salvation by Faith”. And how this must work in the lives of everyone who claim to be led by the Spirit of God. The idea of justification through faith and not by works of the Law will have to be reintroduced into their minds, as this will be the only way salvation can now be obtained.

### Outline of Galatians

**LESSON #1-** Gal. 1:1-10- “Turning to another Gospel”

**LESSON #2-** Gal. 1:11-24- “The legitimacy of Paul’s apostleship”

**LESSON #3-** Gal. 2:1-10- “The Jerusalem conference”

**LESSON #4-** Gal. 2:11-21- “Standing up to Peter”

**LESSON #5-** Gal. 3:1-18- “The just shall live by faith”

**LESSON #6-** Gal. 3:19-4:7- “The purpose of the Law of Moses”

**LESSON #7-** Gal. 4:8-31- “The Jerusalem above”

**LESSON #8-** Gal. 5:1-15- “ Faith working thru Love”

**LESSON #9-** Gal. 5:16-21- “ Works of the Flesh”

**LESSON #10-** Gal. 5:22-26- “ Fruit of the Spirit”

**LESSON #11-** Gal. 6:1-5- “ Bear one another’s burdens”

**LESSON #12-** Gal. 6:6-18- “ Sowing to the Spirit”

**LESSON #13-** “Words and terms of interest in Galatians”