



*Galatians*  
*Quiet Time Guide*

*September 12-October 7, 2022*

## Galatians

The epistle of Galatians was most likely written by Paul (Gal. 1:1) around A.D. 57, on his third missionary journey from Ephesus. After Paul visited the Galatians, he discovered that Judaizers had followed him and the Galatian churches were listening to them. This area was large and prominent and many churches had been established there. Paul wrote this letter to counteract the Judaizers message and to state clearly the gospel.

Galatians is God's uncompromising, passionate message against legalism. The Mosaic Law is neither discredited, despised, nor disregarded. God's Law is majesty, perfection; its demands for fullness and purpose are maintained. **Yet these very qualities make it utterly impossible for man to come to God by this route.** God has provided a way for man to be justified before Him, a way which entirely bypasses the Mosaic Law. The route is by faith alone. In Galatians, justification by faith is the theme.

The Epistle to the Galatians has messages for us today because it was written to people who were like us in many ways. They were plagued on every hand by cults and "isms" innumerable - which pull us away from our fountain in the gospel of grace.

In Galatians the heart of Paul the apostle is laid bare, and there is deep emotion and strong feeling. This is his fighting epistle - he has on his war paint. This epistle is a declaration of deliverance from legalism of any type.

Paul says that the Lord Jesus Christ communicated the gospel directly to him. When you examine Paul's writings you will see that he is preaching and writing the same gospel that the other apostles had received from the lips of the Lord! In Galatians you will see Paul's communication of the gospel and see that the church in Jerusalem approved Paul's presentation of the Gospel.

In chapter 4, Paul continues to write on the doctrine of justification by faith. But we will also see that there is something else that comes through faith in Christ that we could never get by the works of the Law. Paul addresses our wonderful position of sons of God. We start out, after salvation, as full-grown sons. But preaching, teaching, and studying the Word of God produces spiritual growth in us. When we start out in the Christian life, we are babes and we are to grow to maturity in Christ. However, God gives us the position of a full-grown son to furnish us with a capacity that we would not otherwise have.

In Galatians is a strong declaration and defense of the doctrine of justification by faith in the finished work of Jesus. It is God's passionate Word on behalf of the most vital truth of the Christian faith against any attack. Not only is a sinner saved by grace through faith plus nothing, but the saved sinner lives by grace. Grace is the way to life and a way of life. This is seen to be the fulfillment of what it means to walk by the Spirit. Living by law leads to pride and conceit, but living by grace made experiential through the indwelling Spirit leads to love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians tells us to live in keeping with the spirit of grace through faith and avoiding the tyranny of legalism.

## Quiet Time Text

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
Sept 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 1:1-5	Sept 26	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3:21-29
Sept 13	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 1:6-10	Sept 27	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 4:1-7
Sept 14	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 1:11-17	Sept 28	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 4:8-20
Sept 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 1:18-24	Sept 29	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 4:21-31
Sept 16	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 2:1-10	Sept 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 5:1-6
<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
Sept 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 2:11-14	Oct 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 5:7-15
Sept 20	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 2:15-21	Oct 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 5:16-21
Sept 21	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3:1-9	Oct 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 5:22-26
Sept 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3:10-14	Oct 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 6:1-10
Sept 23	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3:15-20	Oct 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 6:11-18