



Galatians

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"Paul, an apostle—sent not from
men nor by man, but by Jesus

Christ and God the Father, who

raised him from the dead—and all
the brothers with me, to the
churches in Galatia:"



FIRST CENTURY ASIA MINOR



ASIA

GALATIA

Antioch
in Pisidia

• **Smyrna**

• **Ephesus**

Colossae

• **Iconium**

• **Lystra**

Derbe

• **Tarsus**

PAMPHYLIA

LYCIA

CILICIA

• **Antioch**

SYRIA

Mediterranean Sea

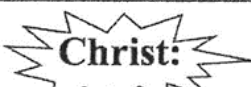
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GALATIANS: Standing Firm for Freedom in Christ

Key Verse- 5:1, *Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery*

Key Words:

Christ, Cross,
Gospel, Faith,
Circumcision,
Law/Grace,
Flesh/Spirit,
Liberty,
Free

Introduction	Personal	Doctrinal	Practical
	Paul's Defense of:		
	His Gospel	Justification by Faith	Freedom in Christ
	1:1-10 1:11	3:1	5:1 6:18
Anathema to any other gospel!	Source of Paul's Gospel By revelation from Jesus Christ Affirmed by the apostles	Content of Paul's Gospel Justification is by faith, not by the Law Affirmed by Abraham	Effect of Paul's Gospel Faith brings freedom from the flesh Affirmed by the Holy Spirit
	Lives in me! <i>I am crucified with Christ</i>	 Christ: Died for me! <i>I am redeemed from a curse by Christ</i>	 Lives through me! <i>I now fulfill the law of Christ</i>
	 Cannot make a man righteous If righteousness could be gained by the Law, Christ died for nothing!	The Law: Came later to lead us to Christ Now that faith has come, we are no longer under supervision of the Law	Brings us back under slavery If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law

By Paul
in A.D. 49
from
Antioch

The Emancipation Proclamation of Christianity

TIME LINE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Historical Books

Gospel–Acts						post–Acts		
A.D. 0	A.D. 30	A.D. 48	A.D. 50	A.D. 53	A.D. 60	A.D. 62	A.D. 67	A.D. 95

Pauline Epistles

		Galatians	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians	1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Romans	Ephesians Colossians Philemon Philippians	1 Timothy Titus	2 Timothy	
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General Epistles

		James				1 Peter 2 Peter	Hebrews Jude	1 John 2 John 3 John Revelation
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ACTS 15:1-2

ACTS

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ACTS 15:4-5

ACTS

When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up & said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses."

The apostles of Jesus Christ were unique— unique in their experience of the Jesus of history, unique in their sight of the risen Lord, unique in their commission by Christ's authority and unique in their inspiration by the Holy Spirit. We may not exalt our opinions over theirs or claim that our authority is as great as theirs. For their opinions and authority are Christ's. If we would bow to His authority, we must therefore bow to theirs. As He Himself said, "he who receives you receives Me" (Matt. 10:40; John 13:20).

John R. W. Stott

GALATIANS 2:14

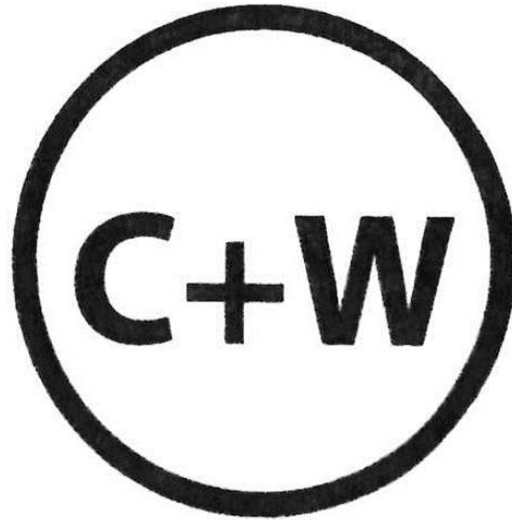
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“When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, “You are a Jew (Ἰουδαῖος), yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew (Ἰουδαϊκῶς). How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs (ἰουδαῖζω)?”



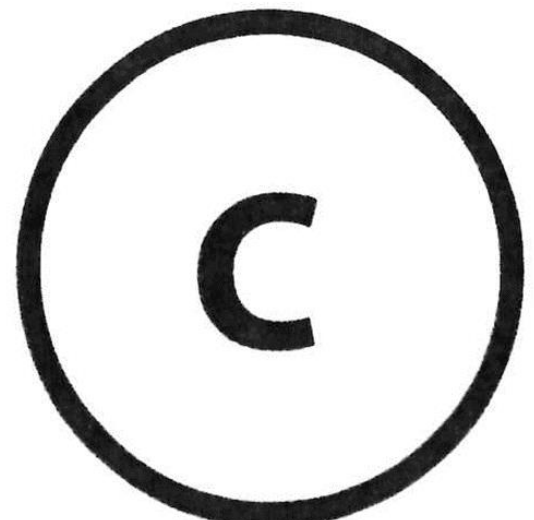
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Christ + Works

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GALATIANS 1:3-5

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"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God & Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

GALATIANS 1:6-9

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"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!"

"After greeting his readers, in every other Epistle Paul goes on to pray for them or to praise and thank God. Only in the Epistle to the Galatians are there no prayer, no praise, no thanksgiving and no commendation. Instead he addresses himself at once to his theme with a note of extreme urgency. He expresses astonishment at the fickleness and instability of the Galatians. He goes on to complain about the false teachers who were troubling the Galatian churches. And then he utters a most solemn, fearful anathema upon those who dare to change the gospel."

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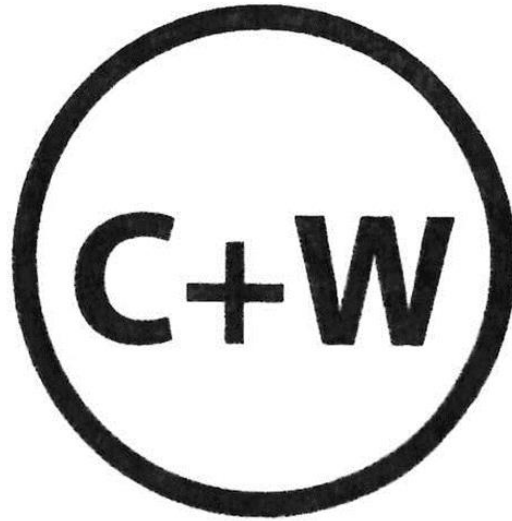
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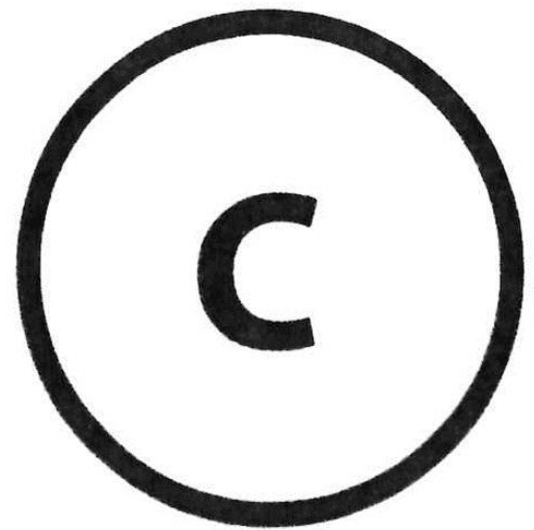
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"Of course we live in an age in which it is considered very narrow-minded and intolerant to have any clear and strong opinions of one's own, let alone to disagree sharply with anybody else. As for actually desiring false teachers to fall under the curse of God and be treated as such by the church, the very idea is to many inconceivable. But I venture to say that if we cared more for the glory of Christ and for the good of the souls of men, we too would not be able to bear the corruption of the gospel of grace."

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Anybody who rejects the apostolic gospel, no matter who he may be, is himself to be rejected. He may appear as 'an angel from heaven'. In this case we are to prefer apostles to angels. We are not to be dazzled, as many people are, by the person, gifts or office of teachers in the church. They may come to us with great dignity, authority and scholarship. They may be bishops or archbishops, university professors or even the pope himself. But if they bring a gospel other than the gospel preached by the apostles and recorded in the New Testament, they are to be rejected. We judge them by the gospel; we do not judge the gospel by them. As Dr. Alan Cole expresses it, "The outward person of the messenger does not validate his message; rather, the nature of the message validates the messenger."

John R. W. Stott



**FAITH &
FREEDOM**

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- **Call pastors who take uncompromising stands on the gospel.**

Christianity can survive without the Gospel. Let me clarify. There is a form of Christianity that developed in medieval times that has survived to this day without the gospel. It is, of course, a powerless Christianity that cannot give people the assurance of salvation, nor does it lead to lives of holiness — but it is still called Christianity. Yes, whether Catholic or Protestant, every generation, including ours, has to fight for the purity of the gospel. It's our nature to reject the gospel's verdict on us and resist the profound simplicity of its transforming message of grace. The gospel must always be defended, and sometimes it must be rescued.

Erwin W. Lutzer

Paul's Letter to the

Galatians



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