

An Outline of Galatians

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**Introduction – 1:1–5*

- I. The Gospel: Paul’s concern about Galatian believers deserting the gospel leads to a personal appeal (1:6–4:20).
 - A. The Gospel (1:6–4:7)
 1. The demands of the gospel (1:6–2:14)
 - a. The Galatian believers were quickly deserting the gospel (1:6–10).
 - b. Paul remained loyal to the gospel (1:11–2:14).
 - 1) Paul’s ministry came from God (1:11–17).
 - 2) Paul’s ministry did not derive from the apostles but was approved by them (1:18–2:10).
 - a) Paul’s first trip to Jerusalem 3 years after his conversion (1:18–24)
 - b) Paul’s second trip to Jerusalem 14 years after his conversion (2:1–10)
 - 3) Paul’s ministry withstood pressure to compromise the gospel (2:11–14).
 2. The nature of the gospel (2:15–4:7)
 - a. It involves faith (2:15–3:6).
 - 1) Justification by means of faith (2:15–21)
 - 2) The Spirit by means of faith (3:1–6)
 - b. It involves Jesus (3:7–4:7).
 - 1) Jesus brings us the blessing of Abraham (3:7–14).
 - 2) Jesus brings us freedom from captivity to the law (3:15–29).
 - 3) Jesus brings us in as sons and heirs of God (4:1–7).
 - B. The Personal Appeal (4:8–20)
 1. “Don’t turn back” (4:8–11)
 2. “Become as I am” (4:12–20)
 - II. The Christian Life: Paul’s counsel to Galatian believers about how to live ends with a personal note (4:21–6:18).
 - A. The Christian Life (4:21–6:10)
 1. Your freedom in Christ: Believers must use their freedom in Christ to love others (4:21–5:15).
 - a. Stand firm in your freedom (4:21–5:1).
 - b. Use your freedom to love others (5:2–15).
 2. Your responsibility in the Spirit: Believers must follow the Spirit’s guidance in their lives ... (5:16–6:10).
 - a. To resist the flesh (5:16–26)
 - b. To help the fallen (6:1–2)
 - c. To avoid being conceited (6:3–5)
 - d. To do good to everyone (6:6–10)
 - B. The Personal Note (6:11–17)
 1. Concluding notes about Paul’s rivals (6:11–13).
 2. Concluding notes about Paul (6:14–17).

**Conclusion (6:18)*

