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Paul's Letter to the
Galatians



Paul's Opening Greetings - Intro

Galatians 1:1-10

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PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (*Rev. 2-3*)
- ← Paul's route

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They discovered some of their lost history and started the journey of going back to their **Hebrew Roots** – into Judaism after they received the Gospel. **That is WHY Paul wrote this Letter.**



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1. Introduction of Paul and his Team – the team that the Galatians met on a few of Paul's Missionary Journeys. The Galatian Churches were familiar with Paul and his Team. This was a REMINDER of their Biblical Heritage that Paul gave them in the GOSPEL of CHRIST.
2. Paul puts the focus on GRACE / PEACE in CHRIST our RESCUER Jesus, in the New Covenant is the Focus for the rest of this letter.

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➔ Jesus Christ + {fill in the blank} + {but, wait, there’s more}

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Paul needed some self-help from Zig Zigglar – how to win friends and influence people. Both Jesus and Paul ... wow... using such language as “accursed” – “anathema” ... wow that’s extremist talk and language. Very EXCLUSIVE and such violence of language ... excluding all those false teachers, etc. What about {fill in the blank} rights of ... ?

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**Why did Paul write this? Why did he seem to think it was so important? ACCURSED – ANATHEMA → Cursed with God's Wrath and Judgment in the Lake of Fire – that is what he was referring to. Ultimate Judgment. Why shouldn't we change or "mess" with the Message and Truth of the Gospel of Christ? If folks trust in the wrong Jesus → they go to Hell (Acts 4:12)
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Going back into the Hebrew Roots Movement of Judaism is what the Galatians were attempting to do – “works make perfect”

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For many in ministry today, going along to get along, don't rock the boat, compromise (a little bit here and there, never hurt anyone), etc. And we have this. In Paul's Day, the Pressure from the Judaizers – the Hebrew Roots movement was huge and popular. The big thing was keeping the O.T. Laws that you could, especially Circumcision, Sabbath, eat only clean foods, etc.

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Paul, who was a Jew, Israelite, Benjaminite, Pharisee, etc. did NOT preach Judaism, but Christ and Him Crucified to the Gentiles. He did not preach that Gentile sinners coming to Christ needed to follow Judaism in order to be saved or to keep their salvation. Nor did he teach circumcision for Gentiles, etc. either. This got him in some trouble amongst fellow Messianic Jewish Missionaries, etc.

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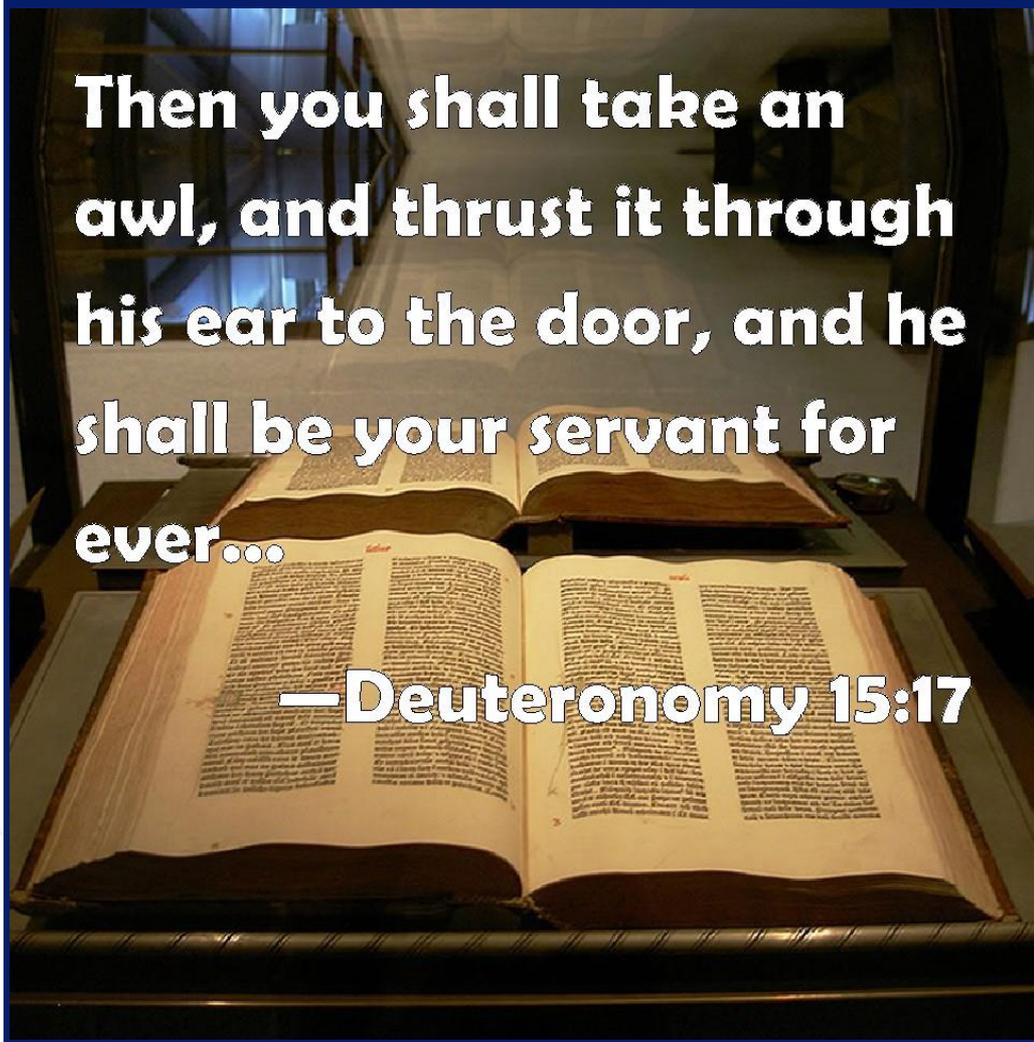
Paul, continued to Preach the Gospel of Christ to Gentiles and promote the New Covenant in the Messiah of Israel to the Nations. He stood against the Judaizers/Hebrew Roots Movement Legalists in Acts 15 – Paul only sought to please God, not man. Others, though were pressured and pressured many Gentiles, etc. This was wrong. Again, the reason he wrote this letter.



"Take an awl and thrust it through his ear."—*Deut. xv. 17.*

**Then you shall take an
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his ear to the door, and he
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ever...**

—Deuteronomy 15:17



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For us, today, it is instructive that we heed Paul's stand for God and His Truth, and not compromise – not go along to get along – not compromise our values, our worldview, our beliefs for EXPEDIENCY nor for PRAGMATISM, etc. We should be as Paul, BONDSERVANTS of CHRIST. Living to Please Christ, alone.