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## Galatians

### Greeting

Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),  
<sup>2</sup> and all the brethren who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

## Chapter 1

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>4</sup> who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,  
<sup>5</sup> to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

# Galatians 1:1-2:21 – The Gospel As It Should Be (part 4)

1. Paul's Greeting (vv. 1 – 5)

2. Paul's Warning (vv. 6 – 10) → <https://wp1.NLFJI.org/357>

3. Paul's History validating His Call to Spread (vv. 11 – 24)  
the Gospel among the Gentiles ( <https://wp1.NLFJI.org/358> )

Timeline of **Salvation** (Acts 9) until **Acts 15 Council Decision** regarding  
Gentiles coming to faith in Christ and **NOT** needing to follow the Israeli  
Mosaic Law in order to be **saved** and to “**keep their salvation**”, etc.

Last week : ( <https://wp1.NLFJI.org/359> - or <https://NLFJI.org/GAL> )

4. Gal. 2:1-10 → after 14 years → The Church Council of Acts 15:  
→ Same Gospel, Shared Gospel → for Jews and Gentiles  
Peter (Cephas) – James (the elder) and John all of them confirmed that that  
Gospel that Paul was preaching was the same as what they were preaching.  
Also, confirmed that Gentiles did not need to become Jews in order to be  
saved in Christ, nor to keep their salvation by following the Law of Moses.

Paul is Presenting His **CASE** before the Churches of Galatia to prove that they've believed a **FALSE** or **PERVERTED GOSPEL** ...

That they've all moved away from the True Gospel, moved away from the New Covenant in the Messiah of Israel, Jesus Christ – they've turned away from HIM – by trying to Earn the Right for Salvation and to Keep that Salvation by a “FORM of Religious SELF-EFFORT” based upon a “version of the Law of Moses in New Covenant Clothing”

The **Judaizers – Hebrew Roots Movement Legalists** taught them a perverted version of the Truth ... and much of the Galatian Churches bought it ... hook – line – and sinker ... and they were in Bondage.

**Chapters 1 and 2 are about the Foundation** of what Paul will Present in chapters 3 thru 6 (mostly 3 & 4, but some in 5 & 6, as well). He is laboring with Shared History and Shared Experiences to bring them to Repentance.

**1. Paul is confronting Peter – because, of all people on the planet Peter (Cephas) should know the Truth and LIVE the Truth as an example.**

**Peter said so (read 1 Peter 5:1-5)**

**Peter was living like a Gentile while being with the church in Antioch.**

**Then he shifted away from the Gentiles (separated himself) ...**

**→ Why do you COMPEL Gentiles to live as Jews? (Gal. 2:11-15)**

**Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; <sup>12</sup>for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he WITHDREW and SEPARATED himself, FEARING those who were of the circumcision. <sup>13</sup>And the rest of the Jews also played the HYPOCRITE with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their HYPOCRISY.**

**<sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they were NOT straightforward about the TRUTH of the GOSPEL, I said to Peter before them all, “If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you COMPEL Gentiles to live as Jews? <sup>15</sup>We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles**

## 2. Why does it matter how we live, after we are saved, after we become “Born Again” in Christ?

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**Peter, Barnabas and the other Jews were CONVEYING A Message by their Behavior – “We must FEAR these Jews from James” – “We must Fear what they think about us” – “We must conform to what ‘They’ want us to do and be” ... “What the Bible says about the New Covenant, is subordinate to what others think” ... Our Real Beliefs will show themselves in our Behavior → Message**

**3. How did Peter's Behavior "communicate" another "gospel" to the Gentiles? What was being "communicated" by Peter's behavior?**

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**Peter, Barnabas and the other Jews were CONVEYING A Message by their Behavior → "We must become Jews in order to be Saved and to Live for Christ after we are Saved" → because He Feared People instead of Jesus Christ**

**Peter was Preaching a Different Gospel by His Behavior**

**How about us? Are we Conveying a Different Gospel by our Behavior?**

**4. What does Paul mean: “For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor.” (vs. 18)?**

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**<sup>17</sup>But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>For if I BUILD again those things which I DESTROYED, I make myself a transgressor.**

**What was Destroyed? → The Old Covenant of Moses ( <https://NLFJI.org/Sabbath> ).**

**Paul – in the book of Hebrews, explains this in Chapters 5 thru 10.**

**Hebrews 8:13 - In that He says, “A NEW COVENANT,” God has made the First OBSOLETE. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to VANISH AWAY.**

**The Old Mosaic Covenant was “passing/vanishing away” and the old way of approaching God is REPLACED with BEING in CHRIST.**

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**Rebuilding what was Destroyed? → The Old Covenant of Moses.**

**Paul was saying, that if we are now in CHRIST, in the New COVENANT, why go back and rebuild upon the OLD Covenant, which has been done away with? Why build our lives upon that which is not even being used anymore by God? We are NOW supposed to Build our Lives upon Jesus Christ – in the New Covenant relationship we now have with God. Paul makes this same claim in Hebrews.**

**Paul is consistently AGAINST the Hebrew Roots Movement Legalists**

## 5. How does Jesus Christ and His Finished Work of Redemption relate to how we SHOULD LIVE?

**16 knowing that a man is NOT justified by the works of the law but by FAITH in Jesus Christ, even we have BELIEVED in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by FAITH in Christ and NOT by the works of the law; for by the works of the law NO flesh shall be justified. 17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I BUILD again those things which I DESTROYED, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I, through the law, died to the law that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is NO longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the LIFE which I now LIVE in the flesh I live by FAITH in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 I do NOT set aside the GRACE of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.**

**→ If there is a HINT in my LIFE of Living for Christ that I somehow believe or show that I believe that I must DO something (a work, my own efforts, rituals, etc.) to be a Christian or to Keep my Salvation – I have believed in Vain – and convey a false “gospel” of “works” → folks must become Jews to be saved or live for God**

## 6. What does “religious” self-effort do to the Finished Work of Jesus Christ (vs. 21)?

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Religious Legalistic, even Judaic Religious Legalistic – **SELF-EFFORT** – Always **NEGATES** or **CANCELS-OUT** – Christ’s Full Redemptive Work: His Crucifixion/Death, Burial and Resurrection for our Sins ...

All of our sins forgiven and paid for at the Cross – past, present, and future  
God the Father punished and judged Jesus Christ on the Cross, for all of our sins – in our place ... so that we don’t have to face God’s Wrath and Judgment

We can now have a Forever, Relationship with God based upon Christ

We are Justified before God, as if we never sinned, but are like Jesus

It is the GRACE of God that SAVED us and His GRACE Maintains our Salvation