

## Galatians Summary

**Theme Verses: Galatians 5:1, 3:11, 6:15**

### **(Intro Info)**

- Audience made up of saved Gentiles:
  - Referred to as “brethren” (10x)
  - Referred to as “children” (1x)
  - Referred to as “called” (2x)      **(1:6) (5:8)**
  - Recipients of the Holy Spirit (16x)
    - A proof of Salvation and God’s working **(3:1-5) (4:6)**
  - “Estranged”...“fallen from grace” (5:4)
  
- Letter prompted by false teaching regarding the Law (+30x)
  - Main teaching addressed = circumcision (13x) (ch. 2, 5, 6)
    - Mentioned negatively...Jerusalem council, Peter’s hypocrisy (ch. 2)
    - Reference to being Abraham’s seed, not by circ, but faith/promise (ch. 3-4)
    - Conclusive thoughts on circumcision (5:1-12)
    - Final thoughts on circumcision (6:12-15)
  - Secondary teachings = other observances **(4:9-10)**
  
- Main Point...The Law returns them to the bondage that they were saved from! **(5:1)**
  - Key reason they are dead to Law: CHRIST CRUCIFIED! (12x)**(2:20-12)(3:13)**

Chapters 1-2 (Foundation of Paul's Authority)

- (Chapter 1) Key Question(s): 1:10**
- (1:1-5) The God of the Gospel
  - (1:6-9) Paul's concern - "Another" (perverted) Gospel **(1:6-7)**
  - (1:10-24) Paul's Authority in the Gospel
    - (1:14) Past knowledge and "zeal" of Judaism **(4:17-18)**
    - His source = Christ, not man **(1:11-12)**

- (Chapter 2) Key Question(s): 2:14**
- (2:1-6) Jerusalem Council...Law = Bondage **(3-5)**
  - (2:7-10) Paul's ministry & teaching approved by the "pillars" **(9)**
  - (2:11-21) Peter Confronted...Law = Hypocrisy **(13)**

Chapters 3-4 (Arguments Against Teachings of the Law)

- (Chapter 3) Key Question(s): 3:1-3 & 19-24**  
*(The Gospel of Faith(21x) & Promise(9x)...as oppose to works)*
- (3:1-5) Rhetorical questions about the Spirit
  - (3:6-9) Justification by faith like Abraham **(8)**
  - (3:10-14) Faith = Blessing...Law = Cursing **(13-14)**
  - (3:15-18) A Crucial Timeline: Giving of Promise and Law **(17)**
  - (3:19-25) Purpose of the Law **(24)**
  - (3:26-29) Heirs of the Promise **(29)**

- (Chapter 4) Key Question(s): 4:9 & 16**
- (4:1-7) Child...Slave vs. Son **(7)**
  - (4:8-20) Paul's concern - Their return to bondage, enmity towards him **(19-20)**
  - (4:21-31) Child...Bondwoman vs. Freewoman **(28,29,31)**

Chapters 5-6 (Conclusive Comments and Commands)

- (Chapter 5) Key Question(s): 5:7-8**
- (5:1-15) Correctly Understanding Law, Liberty(4x) & License
    - Conclusion on circumcision **(5:6)**
    - True circumcision is of the spirit! **(Rom. 2:29)**
  - (5:16-26) The Flesh(17x) vs. The Spirit(16x) **(13, 16-18)**

- (Chapter 6) (Applying truth to our understanding and lives)**
- (6:1-11) Their behavior **(7-9)**
  - (6:12-15) The false teaching **(13-15)**
  - (6:16-18) Farewell