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- memorize chapter outlines

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Old Testament (Covenant)

Original Language: Hebrew/Aramaic

Contents: History/Prophecy

English Bible Arrangement (according to the Septuagint)

Law Genesis-Deuteronomy	History Joshua-Esther	Writings Psalms-Song of Solomon	Prophets Isaiah-Malachi
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Hebrew Bible Arrangement

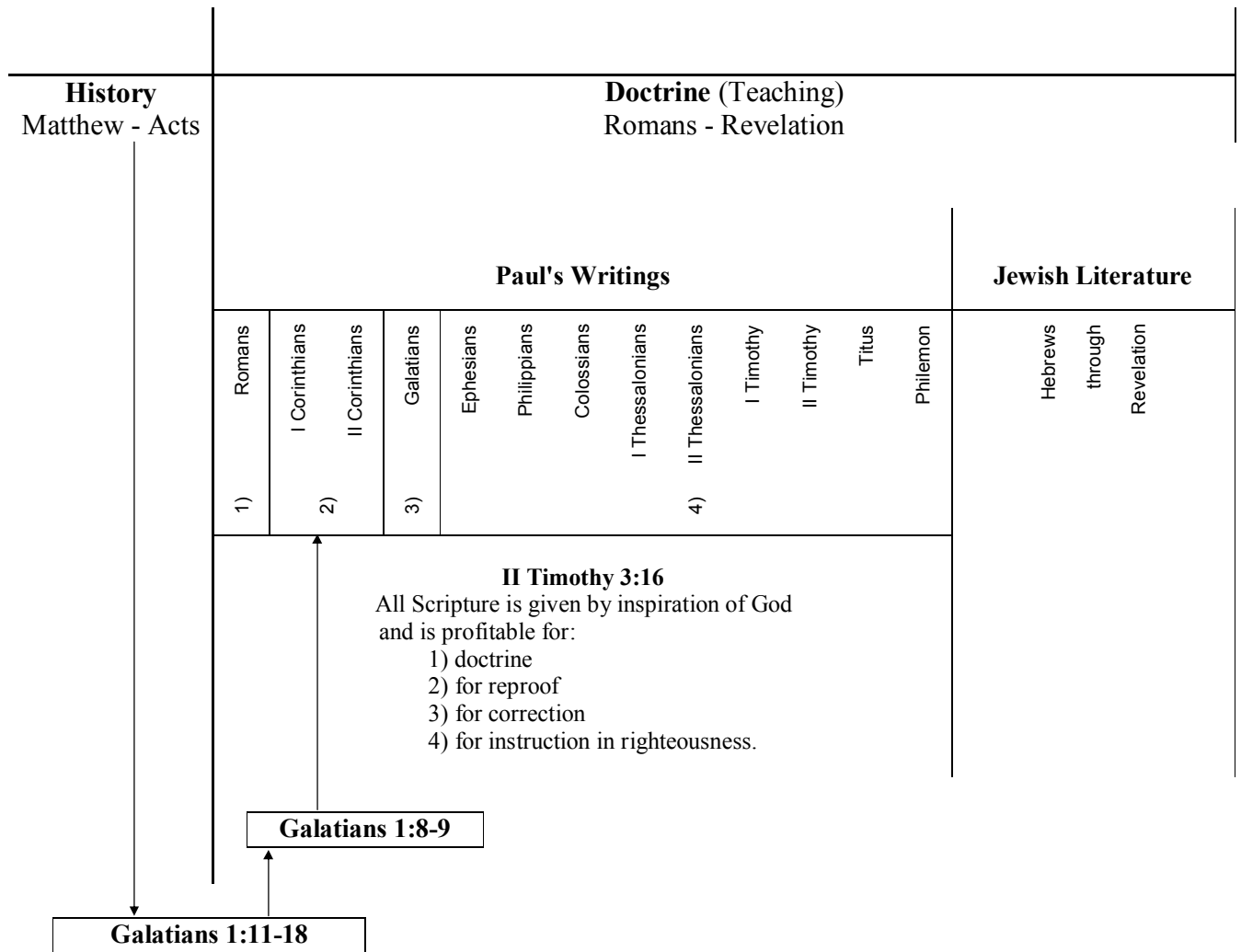
Law Genesis-Deuteronomy	Prophets Joshua-Malachi (minus Ruth, Lamentations & Daniel)	Writings Job-II Chronicles (including Ruth, Lamentations & Daniel)
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New Testament (Covenant)

Original Language: Greek

Contents: History/Doctrine (Teaching)



II Corinthians 10:4-6

- 4) For the tools of our warfare *are* not fleshly, but powerful *with* God for the pulling down of strongholds;
- 5) pulling down reasonings and every high thing exalting itself against the knowledge of God and taking captive every thought into the obedience of Christ;
- 6) and having in readiness that we should avenge all disobedience, whenever your obedience should be fulfilled.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

I. About the Author

- Paul - his inscription is on all thirteen of his letters

II. To Whom It Was Written

- To several churches in Asia Minor in the region of Galatia.

III. The History of Galatia

- The Celtic people migrated from Gaul in Modern France around the third century B.C.
- The Romans conquered the Gauls in 189 B.C.
- Galatia became a Roman Province in 25 B.C.
- The name Galatia came to describe the entire Roman province.
- The churches in southern Galatia were established during Paul's first missionary journey recorded in Acts 13:14-14:23.
- After Paul's first missionary journey, the Jerusalem Council met around 49 A.D. to discuss the problem of the Gentiles and the Law.
- After Paul's first missionary journey and after the decision of the Jerusalem Council, false teachers called Judaizers came into Galatia and infiltrated the churches with their false teaching.
- Shortly after the Jerusalem Council, Paul wrote his letter to the churches in the region of Galatia.

IV. The Theme of Galatians

- Salvation is by grace through faith alone.

V. Why It Was Written

- Because the false teachers attacked Paul's ministry and message.
 - The Judaizers professed to be believers in Jesus as Messiah.
 - Their doctrinal approach was the Gentiles are not in a position of Sons of the Covenant to receive the promises of God until they became Jews and they follow the Law.
 - The first law that Gentiles must keep is circumcision.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF GALATIANS (continued)

VI. How It Was Written

- The form of the letter of Galatians was different from all of the other letters written by Paul. Galatians is the only letter not containing a commendation.
- It is the only letter written by Paul that is addressed to more than one church.

VII. The Importance of the Book of Galatians

- Galatians is a shorter version of Romans.
- Romans is considered the Constitution of the Christian Faith.
- Galatians is considered to be the Declaration of Independence of the Christian Faith.

VIII. Section Outline of the Book of Galatians

Galatians Chapters 1-2	The Defense of Paul's Ministry and Message
Galatians Chapters 3-4	The Doctrine of Justification
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<u>Galatians Chapters 1 - 2</u> The Defense of Paul's Ministry and Message

Chapter 1

C.O.

<u>Galatians 1:1-5</u> The Introduction
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¹ Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

² And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

³ Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁴ Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

⁵ To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Galatians Chapters 1 & 2 The Defense of Paul's Ministry and Message

Galatians 1:1-5 Introduction

- Verse 1 Calling
 ¹**Paul,**
 an apostle,
- Verse 1 Commission
 (not of men,
 neither by man,
 but by Jesus Christ,
 and
 God the Father,
 who raised him from the dead;)
- Verse 2 Companions
 ²**And**
 all the brethren which are with me,

 unto the churches of Galatia:
- Verses 3-4 Condition
 ³**Grace *be* to you**
 and
 peace
 from God the Father,
 and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ,

 ⁴**Who gave himself for our sins,**
 that he might deliver us from this present evil world,
 according to the will of God and our Father:
- Verse 5 Comment
 ⁵**To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

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Chapter 1 (continued)

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Galatians 1:6-10
The Influences of the Perpetrators

⁶ I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

⁷ Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

M.V.

Galatians 1:8

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

M.V.

Galatians 1:9

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

M.V.

Galatians 1:10

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

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Galatians Chapters 1 & 2 The Defense of Paul's Ministry and Message (continued)

Galatians 1:6-10 The Influences of the Perpetrators

- Verse 6 Concern
**⁶ I marvel
that ye are so soon removed
from him that called you into the grace of Christ
unto another gospel:**
- Verse 7 Cause
**⁷ Which is not another;
but there be some that trouble you,
and
would pervert the gospel of Christ.**
- Verse 8 Contrast
**⁸ But though we,
or an angel from heaven,
preach any other gospel unto you
than that which we have preached unto you,**
- Verse 8 Consequence
let him be accursed.
- Verse 9 Creed
**⁹ As we said before,
so say I now again,
If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you
than that ye have received,**
- Verse 9 Consequence
let him be accursed.
- Verse 10 Conduct
**¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God?
or do I seek to please men?**
- for if I yet pleased men,
I should not be the servant of Christ.**

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Chapter 1 (continued)

C.O.

Galatians 1:11-24
The Information of Paul's Credentials

¹¹ But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

¹² For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³ For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

¹⁴ And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,

¹⁶ To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

¹⁷ Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

M.V.

Galatians 1:19

¹⁹ But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

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Galatians Chapters 1 & 2 The Defense of Paul's Ministry and Message (continued)

Galatians 1:11-24 The Information of Paul's Credentials

Verses 11-12 Concept

¹¹ **But I certify you, brethren,
that the gospel which was preached of me
is not after man.**

¹² **For I neither received it of man,
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but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Verses 13-14 Contribution

¹³ **For ye have heard of my conversation
in time past
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¹⁴ **And
profited in the Jews' religion
above many my equals
in mine own nation,
being more exceedingly zealous
of the traditions of my fathers.**

Verses 15-16 Conversion

¹⁵ **But when it pleased God,
who separated me from my mother's womb,
and
called *me* by his grace,**

¹⁶ **To reveal his Son in me,
that I might preach him among the heathen;
immediately
I conferred not with flesh and blood:**

Verses 17-19 Conference

¹⁷ **Neither
went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me;

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¹⁸ **Then after three years
I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter,
and abode with him fifteen days.**

¹⁹ **But other of the apostles saw I none,
save James the Lord's brother.**

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Chapter 1 (continued)

²⁰ Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

²¹ Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia;

²² And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:

²³ But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

²⁴ And they glorified God in me.

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Galatians Chapters 1 & 2 The Defense of Paul's Ministry and Message (continued)

Galatians 1:11-24 The Information of Paul's Credentials (continued)

Verses 20-24 Celebration

²⁰ **Now the things which I write unto you,
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²¹ **Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia;**

²² **And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea
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**That he which persecuted us in times past
now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.**

²⁴ **And they glorified God in me.**

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Chapter 2

C.O.

Galatians 2:1-10
The Incident in Jerusalem

¹ Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with *me* also.

² And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

³ But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:

⁴ And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

⁵ To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

⁶ But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed *to be somewhat* in conference added nothing to me:

⁷ But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision *was* unto Peter;

⁸ (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

⁹ And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

¹⁰ Only *they would* that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

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Galatians Chapters 1 & 2 The Defense of Paul's Ministry and Message (continued)

Galatians 2:1-10 The Incident in Jerusalem

Verses 1-2 The Council Gathers

¹Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem
with Barnabas,
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took Titus with *me* also.
² And I went up by revelation,
and
communicated unto them that gospel
which I preach among the Gentiles,
but privately to them which were of reputation,
lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

Verses 3-5 The Compelling of Titus

³ But neither Titus,
who was with me, being a Greek,
was compelled to be circumcised:

⁴ And that because of false brethren unawares brought in,
who came in privily to spy out our liberty
which we have in Christ Jesus,
that they might bring us into bondage:

⁵ To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour;
that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

Verses 6-8 The Comprehension of the Council

⁶ But of these who seemed to be somewhat,
(whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me:
God accepteth no man's person:)
for they who seemed *to be somewhat* in conference
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when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision
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Verses 9-10 The Confirmation of Paul

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they unto the circumcision.
¹⁰ Only *they would* that we should remember the poor;
the same which I also was forward to do.

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Chapter 2 (continued)

C.O.

Galatians 2:11-19
The Incident in Antioch

¹¹ But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

¹² For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

¹³ And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

¹⁴ But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

¹⁵ We *who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

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Galatians Chapters 1 & 2 The Defense of Paul's Ministry and Message (continued)

Galatians 2:11-19 The Incident in Antioch

Verses 11-13 The Compromise of Peter

¹¹ **But when Peter was come to Antioch,
I withstood him to the face,
because he was to be blamed.
¹² For before that certain came from James,
he did eat with the Gentiles:
but when they were come,
he withdrew
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which were of the circumcision.**

¹³ **And
the other Jews dissembled likewise with him;
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was carried away
with their dissimulation.**

Verses 14-15 The Confrontation by Paul

¹⁴ **But when I saw that they walked not uprightly
according to the truth of the gospel,
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If thou, being a Jew,
livest after the manner of Gentiles,
and
not as do the Jews,
why compellest thou the Gentiles
to live as do the Jews?**

¹⁵ **We *who are* Jews by nature,
and
not sinners of the Gentiles,**

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Chapter 2 (continued)

¹⁶ Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

¹⁷ But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

¹⁸ For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

¹⁹ For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

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Galatians Chapters 1 & 2 The Defense of Paul's Ministry and Message (continued)

Galatians 2:11-19 The Incident in Antioch (continued)

Verses 16-19 The Contradiction of Doctrine

¹⁶ **Knowing that a man is not justified
by the works of the law,
but by the faith of Jesus Christ,**

**even we have believed in Jesus Christ,
that we might be justified
by the faith of Christ,
and
not by the works of the law:
for by the works
of the law
shall no flesh
be justified.**

¹⁷ **But if,
while we seek to be justified
by Christ,
we ourselves also are found
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¹⁸ **For if I build again
the things which I destroyed,
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¹⁹ **For I through the law
am dead to the law,
that I might live unto God.**

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Chapter 2 (continued)

C.O.	<u>Galatians 2:20-21</u> The Identity of Paul	↑ <u>20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.</u> <u>21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness <i>come</i> by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.</u> ↓
M.V.	Galatians 2:20	
M.V.	Galatians 2:21	

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Galatians Chapters 1 & 2 The Defense of Paul's Ministry and Message (continued)

Galatians 2:20-21 The Identity of Paul

Verses 20-21 The Condition of Paul

²⁰ **I am crucified with Christ:
nevertheless I live;
yet not I,
but Christ liveth in me:**

and

**the life which I now live in the flesh
I live by the faith of the Son of God,
who loved me,
and
gave himself for me.**

²¹ **I do not frustrate the grace of God:
for if righteousness *come* by the law,
then Christ is dead in vain.**

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Galatians Chapters 3 - 4 The Doctrine of Justification

Chapter 3

C.O.

Galatians 3:1-5 The Inquiry by Paul
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¹ O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

² This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

M.V.

Galatians 3:3

³ Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

⁴ Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.

⁵ He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

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Galatians Chapters 3 & 4 The Doctrine of Justification

Galatians 3:1-5 The Inquiry by Paul

Verse 1 Condition

**¹O foolish Galatians,
who hath bewitched you,
that ye should not obey the truth,
before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth,
crucified among you?**

Verse 2 Conversion

**²This only would I learn of you,
Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law,
or by the hearing of faith?**

Verses 3-4 Completeness

³Are ye so foolish?

having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

**⁴Have ye suffered so many things in vain?
if *it be* yet in vain.**

Verse 5 Conduct

**⁵He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit,
and worketh miracles among you,
doeth he it by the works of the law,
or by the hearing of faith?**

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Chapter 3 (continued)

C.O.

Galatians 3:6-9
The Illustration of Abraham

K.V.

Galatians 3:6
Genesis 15:6

K.V.

Galatians 3:8
Genesis 12:3

6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

⁹ So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

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Galatians Chapters 3 & 4 The Doctrine of Justification (continued)

Galatians 3:6-9 The Illustration of Abraham

Verses 6-7 Calculation

⁶ **Even as Abraham believed God,
and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**

⁷ **Know ye therefore that they which are of faith,
the same are the children of Abraham.**

Verses 8-9 Coverage

⁸ **And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify
the heathen through faith,
preached before the gospel unto Abraham,
saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.**

⁹ **So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.**

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Chapter 3 (continued)

C.O.	<u>Galatians 3:10-14</u> The Instruction Concerning the Law	<p><u>10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.</u></p> <p><u>11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.</u></p> <p><u>12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.</u></p> <p><u>13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:</u></p> <p><u>14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.</u></p>
K.V.	<u>Galatians 3:10</u> <u>Deuteronomy 27:26</u>	
M.V.	<u>Galatians 3:10</u>	
K.V.	<u>Galatians 3:11</u> <u>Habakkuk 2:4</u>	
M.V.	<u>Galatians 3:11</u>	
K.V.	<u>Galatians 3:12</u> <u>Leviticus 18:5</u>	
M.V.	<u>Galatians 3:12</u>	
K.V.	<u>Galatians 3:13</u> <u>Deuteronomy 21:23</u>	
M.V.	<u>Galatians 3:13</u>	
M.V.	<u>Galatians 3:14</u>	

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Galatians Chapters 3 & 4 The Doctrine of Justification (continued)

Galatians 3:10-14 The Instruction Concerning the Law

Verses 10-12 The Curse

¹⁰ **For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse:
for it is written,**

**Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things
which are written in the book of the law to do them.**

¹¹ **But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God,
it is evident: for,**

The just shall live by faith.

¹² **And the law is not of faith:**

but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

Verses 13-14 The Cause

¹³ **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law,
being made a curse for us:
for it is written,**

Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

¹⁴ **That the blessing of Abraham**

might come on the Gentiles

through Jesus Christ;

**that we might receive the promise of the Spirit
through faith.**

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Chapter 3 (continued)

C.O.

Galatians 3:15-18
The Instruction Concerning the Covenant

K.V.

Galatians 3:16
Genesis 12:7; 13:15

M.V.

Galatians 3:16

¹⁵ Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one. And to thy seed, which is Christ.

¹⁷ And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

¹⁸ For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

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Galatians Chapters 3 & 4 The Doctrine of Justification (continued)

Galatians 3:15-18 The Instruction Concerning the Covenant

Verse 15 Condition

¹⁵ **Brethren, I speak after the manner of men;
Though *it be* but a man's covenant,
yet *if it be* confirmed,
no man disannulleth,
or addeth thereto.**

Verse 16 Contents

¹⁶ **Now to Abraham
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Verse 16 Clarification

**He saith not,
And to seeds, as of many; but as of one,
And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

Verses 17-18 Confirmation

¹⁷ **And this I say, *that* the covenant,
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but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

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Chapter 3 (continued)

C.O.	<u>Galatians 3:19-29</u>	↑	<p>19 <u>Wherefore then <i>serveth</i> the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.</u></p> <p>20 Now a mediator is not <i>a mediator</i> of one, but God is one.</p> <p>21 <i>Is</i> the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.</p> <p>22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.</p> <p>23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.</p>
M.V.	Galatians 3:19		
M.V.	Galatians 3:24	↓	<p>24 <u>Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster <i>to bring us</i> unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.</u></p> <p>25 <u>But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.</u></p> <p>26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>27 <u>For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.</u></p> <p>28 <u>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.</u></p> <p>29 And if ye <i>be</i> Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.</p>
M.V.	Galatians 3:25		
M.V.	Galatians 3:27		
M.V.	Galatians 3:28		

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Galatians Chapters 3 & 4 The Doctrine of Justification (continued)

Galatians 3:19-29 The Intention of the Law

- Verse 19 Curse
¹⁹ **Wherefore then *serveth* the law?
It was added because of transgressions,
till the seed should come
to whom the promise was made;
and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.**
- Verse 20 Character
²⁰ **Now a mediator is not a *mediator* of one,
but God is one.**
- Verses 21-22 Conclusion
²¹ **Is the law then against the promises of God?
God forbid:
for if there had been a law given which could have given life,
verily righteousness should have been by the law.**
²² **But the scripture hath concluded all under sin,
that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ
might be given to them that believe.**
- Verses 23-24 Confinement
²³ **But before faith came,
we were kept under the law,
shut up unto the faith
which should afterwards be revealed.**
²⁴ **Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster
to *bring us* unto Christ,
that we might be justified by faith.**
- Verse 25 Change
²⁵ **But after that faith is come,
we are no longer under a schoolmaster.**
- Verses 26-29 Condition
²⁶ **For ye are all the children of God
by faith in Christ Jesus.**
²⁷ **For as many of you as have been baptized
into Christ have put on Christ.**
²⁸ **There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither bond nor free,
there is neither male nor female:
for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**
²⁹ **And if ye *be* Christ's,
then are ye Abraham's seed,
and
heirs according to the promise.**

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Chapter 4

C.O.

Galatians 4:1-7
The Inheritance Laws

¹ Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

² But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

³ Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

⁴ But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

⁵ To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

M.V.

Galatians 4:6

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

⁷ Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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Galatians Chapters 3 & 4 The Doctrine of Justification (continued)

Galatians 4:1-7 The Inheritance Laws

Verses 1-3 Condition

¹Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child,
differeth nothing from a servant,
though he be lord of all;

²But is under tutors and governors
until the time appointed of the father.

³Even so we, when we were children,
were in bondage under the elements of the world:

Verses 4-6 Change

⁴But when the fulness of the time was come,
God sent forth his Son,
made of a woman,
made under the law,

⁵To redeem them that were under the law,
that we might receive the adoption of sons.

⁶And because ye are sons,
God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your
hearts,
crying, Abba, Father.

Verse 7 Conclusion

⁷Wherefore thou art no more a servant,
but a son;

and if a son,
then an heir of God through Christ.

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Chapter 4 (continued)

C.O.

Galatians 4:8-20
The Indictment against Them

M.V.

Galatians 4:9

⁸ Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

⁹ But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

¹⁰ Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

¹¹ I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

¹² Brethren, I beseech you, be as I *am*; for I *am* as ye *are*: ye have not injured me at all.

¹³ Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

¹⁴ And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if *it had been* possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

¹⁶ Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

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Galatians Chapters 3 & 4 The Doctrine of Justification (continued)

Galatians 4:8-20 The Indictment against Them

Verse 8 Condition
⁸ **Howbeit then,
when ye knew not God,
ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.**

Verses 9-11 Contradiction
⁹ **But now,
after that ye have known God,
or rather are known of God,**

**how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements,
whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?**

¹⁰ **Ye observe days,
and months,
and times,
and years.**

¹¹ **I am afraid of you,
lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.**

Verse 12 Command
¹² **Brethren, I beseech you,
be as I *am*;
for I *am* as ye *are*:**

ye have not injured me at all.

Verses 13-16 Contrast
¹³ **Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh
I preached the gospel unto you at the first.**

¹⁴ **And my temptation which was in my flesh
ye despised not,
nor rejected;**

**but received me as an angel of God,
even as Christ Jesus.**

¹⁵ **Where is then the blessedness ye spake of?**

**for I bear you record, that,
if *it had been* possible,
ye would have plucked out your own eyes,
and have given them to me.**

¹⁶ **Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you
the truth?**

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Chapter 4 (continued)

¹⁷ They zealously affect you, *but* not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

¹⁸ But *it is* good to be zealously affected always in a good *thing*, and not only when I am present with you.

¹⁹ My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

²⁰ I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

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Galatians Chapters 3 & 4 The Doctrine of Justification (continued)

Galatians 4:8-20 The Indictment against Them (continued)

Verses 17-18 Correct Motives

¹⁷ **They zealously affect you,
but not well; yea,**

**they would exclude you,
that ye might affect them.**

¹⁸ **But *it is* good to be zealously affected always in a
good *thing*,
and not only when I am present with you.**

Verses 19-20 Change in Attitude

¹⁹ **My little children,
of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in
you,**

²⁰ **I desire to be present with you now,
and to change my voice;
for I stand in doubt of you.**

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Chapter 4 (continued)

C.O.

Galatians 4:21-31
The Illustration of the Two Sons

K.V.

Galatians 4:22
Genesis 16:2-4, 15; 21:1-3

K.V.

Galatians 4:27
Isaiah 54:1

²¹ Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

²³ But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise.

²⁴ Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

²⁵ For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

²⁶ But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

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Galatians Chapters 3 & 4 The Doctrine of Justification (continued)

Galatians 4:21-31 The Illustration of the Two Sons

Verse 21 Consideration

²¹ **Tell me,
ye that desire to be under the law,
do ye not hear the law?**

Verse 22 Circumstances

²² **For it is written,
that Abraham had two sons,
the one by a bondmaid,
the other by a freewoman.**

Verse 23 Categories

²³ **But he *who was* of the bondwoman
was born after the flesh;

but
he of the freewoman *was* by promise.**

Verse 24 Covenants

²⁴ **Which things are an allegory:
for these are the two covenants;
the one from the mount Sinai,
which gendereth to bondage,
which is Agar.**

Verse 25 Condition

²⁵ **For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia,
and
answereth to Jerusalem which now is,
and
is in bondage with her children.**

Verse 26 Contrast

²⁶ **But Jerusalem which is above is free,
which is the mother of us all.**

Verse 27 Context

²⁷ **For it is written,
Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not;
break forth and cry,
thou that travailest not:
for the desolate hath many more
children than she which hath an
husband.**

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Chapter 4 (continued)

²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

²⁹ But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now.

30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

³¹ So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

K.V.

<u>Galatians 4:30</u> Genesis 21:10
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Galatians Chapters 3 & 4 The Doctrine of Justification (continued)

Galatians 4:21-31 The Illustration of the Two Sons (continued)

Verse 28 Children of Promise

**²⁸ Now we, brethren,
as Isaac was,
are the children of promise.**

Verses 29-30 Consequences

**²⁹ But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him
that was born after the Spirit,
even so *it is* now.**

**³⁰ Nevertheless what saith the scripture?
Cast out the bondwoman
and her son:
for the son of the bondwoman
shall not be heir with the son of the
freewoman.**

Verse 31 Conclusion

**³¹ So then, brethren,
we are not children of the bondwoman,

but of the free.**

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S.O. Galatians Chapters 5 - 6
The Doctrine of Sanctification

C.O. Galatians 5:1-12
Instruction Concerning the
Legalists

M.V. Galatians 5:1

M.V. Galatians 5:4

Chapter 5

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

² Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

³ For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

⁵ For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

⁶ For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

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Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification

Galatians 5:1-12 Instruction Concerning the Legalists

Verse 1 The Position

Command
¹Stand fast

Conclusion
therefore

Condition
**in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free,
and**

Caution
be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Verses 2-4 The Performance in Sanctification

Consequences
**² Behold, I Paul say unto you,
that if ye be circumcised,
Christ shall profit you nothing.**

Conclusion
**³ For I testify again to every man that is circumcised,
that he is a debtor to do the whole law.**

Condition
**⁴ Christ is become of no effect unto you,
whosoever of you are justified by the law;
ye are fallen from grace.**

Verses 5-6 The Procedure for the Sanctified

Capability
⁵ For we through the Spirit

Consistency
wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Components
**⁶ For in Jesus Christ
neither circumcision availeth any thing,
nor uncircumcision;
but faith which worketh by love.**

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Chapter 5 (continued)

⁷ Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

⁸ This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you.

⁹ A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

¹⁰ I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

¹¹ And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.

¹² I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

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Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification (continued)

Galatians 5:1-12 Instruction Concerning the Legalists (continued)

Verses 7-12 The Problem in Sanctification

Cause

⁷ **Ye did run well;
who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?**

Caution

⁸ **This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you.**

Condition

⁹ **A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.**

Confidence

¹⁰ **I have confidence in you through the Lord,
that ye will be none otherwise minded:**

**but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment,
whosoever he be.**

Contradiction

¹¹ **And I, brethren,
if I yet preach circumcision,
why do I yet suffer persecution?**

then is the offence of the cross ceased.

Castration

¹² **I would they were even cut off which trouble you.**

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Chapter 5 (continued)

C.O.	Galatians 5:13-18 Instruction Concerning the Libertines	<u>13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.</u>
M.V.	Galatians 5:13	
K.V.	Galatians 5:14 Leviticus 19:18	14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, <i>even in this</i>; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
M.V.	Galatians 5:16	¹⁵ But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.
M.V.	Galatians 5:17	16 <u>This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.</u>
		17 <u>For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.</u>
		¹⁸ But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

NOTES

Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification (continued)

Galatians 5:13-18 Instruction Concerning the Libertines

Verses 13-15 The Purposes for the Sanctified

Call

¹³ **For, brethren,
ye have been called unto liberty;**

only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh,

Conduct

but by love serve one another.

Commission

¹⁴ **For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this;
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

Conflict

¹⁵ **But if ye bite and devour one another,
take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.**

Verses 16-18 The Provision for the Sanctified

Command

¹⁶ ***This* I say then,
Walk in the Spirit,
and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

Contrary

¹⁷ **For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit,
and the Spirit against the flesh:**

**and these are contrary the one to the other:
so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.**

Condition

¹⁸ **But if ye be led of the Spirit,
ye are not under the law.**

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Chapter 5 (continued)

C.O.

Galatians 5:19-21
**The Identity of the Works of
the Flesh**

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

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Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification (continued)

Galatians 5:19-21 The Identity of the Works of the Flesh

Verses 19-21 The Performance of the Flesh

¹⁹ **Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*;**

**Adultery,
fornication,
uncleanness,
lasciviousness,**

²⁰ **Idolatry,
witchcraft,
hatred,**

**variance,
emulations,
wrath,
strife,**

**seditions,
heresies,**

²¹ **Envyings,
murders,
drunkenness,
revellings,**

Verse 21 The Penalty for the Works of the Flesh

and such like:

of the which I tell you before,

as I have also told *you* in time past,

**that they which do such things shall not inherit
the kingdom of God.**

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Chapter 5 (continued)

C.O.

Galatians 5:22-26
The Identity of the Fruit of the Spirit

M.V.

Galatians 5:22

M.V.

Galatians 5:23

M.V.

Galatians 5:24

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

²⁶ Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

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Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification (continued)

Galatians 5:22-26 The Identity of the Fruit of the Spirit

Verses 22-23 The Production of the Spirit
²² **But the fruit of the Spirit is**
 love,
 joy,
 peace,
 longsuffering,
 gentleness,
 goodness,
 faith,
 ²³ **Meekness,**
 temperance:

Verses 23-26 The Position in the Spirit

Capacity
 against such there is no law.

Condition
²⁴ **And they that are Christ's**
 have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

²⁵ **If we live in the Spirit,**
 let us also walk in the Spirit.

Conclusion
²⁶ **Let us not be desirous of vain glory,**
 provoking one another,
 envying one another.

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Chapter 6

C.O.

Galatians 6:1-5
Instruction Concerning Burden Bearing

M.V.

Galatians 6:1

M.V.

Galatians 6:2

M.V.

Galatians 6:3

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

⁴ But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

⁵ For every man shall bear his own burden.

NOTES

Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification (continued)

Galatians 6:1-5 Instruction Concerning Burden Bearing

Verse 1 The Problem

Condition

¹ Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault,

The Procedure

Character

ye which are spiritual,

Command

restore such an one

Conduct

in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Verse 2 The Principle

Command

² Bear ye one another's burdens,

Consequences

and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Verse 3 The Precaution

Condition

³ For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing,

Consequences

he deceiveth himself.

Verse 4 The Proof

Command

⁴ But let every man prove his own work,

Consequences

and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Verse 5 The Principle

Conclusion

⁵ For every man shall bear his own burden.

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Chapter 6 (continued)

C.O.	<u>Galatians 6:6</u> Instruction Concerning Communication	↑ ↓	<u>6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.</u>
M.V.	Galatians 6:6		

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Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification (continued)

Galatians 6:6 Instruction Concerning Communication

Verse 6 The Provision

⁶ Let him

Characteristics
that is taught in the word

Command
communicate

Characteristics
unto him that teacheth

Concerning
in all good things.

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Chapter 6 (continued)

C.O.	Galatians 6:7-10 Instruction Concerning Seed Bearing	<u>7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.</u>
M.V.	Galatians 6:7	
M.V.	Galatians 6:8	<u>8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.</u>
M.V.	Galatians 6:9	<u>9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.</u>
		¹⁰ As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all <i>men</i> , especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

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Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification (continued)

Galatians 6:7-10 Instruction Concerning Seed Bearing

Verses 7-8 The Principle

Command

⁷ **Be not deceived;**

Cause

God is not mocked:

Concept

for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Cause

⁸ **For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**

Verse 9 The Perseverance

Command

⁹ **And let us not be weary in well doing:**

Consequence

for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Verse 10 The Participation

Conclusion

¹⁰ **As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**

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Chapter 6 (continued)

C.O.

Galatians 6:11-16
Instructions Concerning Pride

¹¹ Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

¹² As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

¹³ For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

M.V.

Galatians 6:14

14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

M.V.

Galatians 6:15

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification (continued)

Galatians 6:11-16 Instructions Concerning Pride

Verse 11 The Personal Note

Concerning His Writing

¹¹ Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

Verses 12-14 The Pressures from False Teachers

The Compelling of False Teachers

¹² As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

The Conduct of False Teachers

¹³ For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

The Confession of Paul

¹⁴ But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Crucifixion of Paul

by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Verse 15 The Perspective of Boasting

The Condition of the Flesh

¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision,

The Creation of God

but a new creature.

Verse 16 The Pronouncement of Blessing

¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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Chapter 6 (continued)

C.O.	<u>Galatians 6:17</u> Instruction Concerning Brand Bearing	↑ ↓	<u>17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.</u>
M.V.	Galatians 6:17		

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Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification (continued)

Galatians 6:17 Instruction Concerning Brand Bearing

Verse 17 Command

¹⁷ **From henceforth let no man trouble me:**

Cause

for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

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Chapter 6 (continued)

C.O.

Galatians 6:18
The Internal Blessing



¹⁸ Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with
your spirit. Amen.

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Galatians Chapters 5 & 6 The Doctrine of Sanctification (continued)

Galatians 6:18 The Internal Blessing

Verse 18 The Condition of Believers

**¹⁸ Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Amen.**

