

Galatians – A Call to Freedom
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Galatians 1:1 - Paul an apostle sent not from men or by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead and all the brothers with me,

Galatians 1:3-5 – Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Note: Charis is a Greek word that means beauty and gift.

Galatians 1:4 – Jesus Christ, who **gave himself** for our sins

Galatians 1:6 – I’m shocked you’re leaving the **Gospel of Grace** for a **Different Gospel**

Galatians 1:8-9 – But even if **we, or an angel from heaven**, should preach to you a **gospel contrary to that which we preached** to you, let him be accursed. ⁹If **Any Man preaches Another Gospel**, let him be **accursed!**

Ephesians 2:8-9 – For by grace are you **saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift of God**: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Galatians 2:15-16 –

THE GENERAL TRUTH: Nevertheless, knowing that **A MAN is not justified by the works** of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus,

THE PERSONAL TRUTH: even WE who have believed in Christ Jesus, so **that WE may be justified by faith** in Christ and not by the works of the Law;

THE UNIVERSAL TRUTH: since by the **works of the Law NO FLESH** will be justified

Note: Justification is the verdict of the last judgement. The fundamental difference was this. The **Council of Trent** said that *God does not justify anyone until real righteousness inheres within the person*. In other words, God does not declare a person righteous unless he or she is righteous. So, **according to Roman Catholic doctrine, justification depends on a person’s sanctification**.

By contrast, **the Reformers** said justification is based on the **imputation of the righteousness of Jesus**. The only ground by which a person can be saved is Jesus’ righteousness.

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Galatians 1:13,14 – Paul reminds them of his past: “For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism. ... I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers”.

Philippians 3:5 - Circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;

Galatians 2:14 – I told Peter in front of everyone, “If you, who are a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel Gentiles to live like Jews?”

Galatians 2:19 – for through the law I have died to the law so I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ

Romans 7:12 – “The **Law is HOLY** and the **commandment HOLY, AND JUST and Good** ...

Galatians 2: 20 – I have been crucified with Christ; it is **no longer I who live, but Christ** who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 5:1 - "**It is for freedom that Christ has set us free**. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Matthew 11:28-30 – Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **For my yoke is easy and my burden is light**.

Ezekiel 36:27 – And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and to carefully observe my ordinances.

Note: Paul was writing to professed Christians who had forgotten that salvation was a gift. They had forgotten that you remain a Christian the same way as you become one, you become on by accepting the gift.

Galatians 3:2-3 – Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by the hearing with faith? **³Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?**

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Colossians 2:6-7 – As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him

Galatians 3:1 – O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

Mark 5:25 - A woman was there who'd been subject to bleeding for 12 years. She'd suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.

Note: This woman dared to hope and reached out to touch Christ's garment, believing she would be healed. But it was not the touch that healed her ...

Mark 5:34 – and He said unto her, Daughter, **your faith** has made you whole; go in peace and be whole of your plague.