

**GALATIANS OVERVIEW**  
**Justification by Faith Alone**

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Galatians 1

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**For our study this year: Themes from each letter:**

<b>Galatians -</b>	<b>Justification by Faith Alone</b>	<b>12 lessons</b>
<b>Ephesians –</b>	<b>The Eternal Plan of God</b>	<b>14 lessons</b>
<b>Philippians –</b>	<b>Basic Christian Living</b>	<b>9 lessons</b>
<b>Colossians –</b>	<b>All-Sufficiency of Christ</b>	<b>8 lessons</b>
<b>Philemon –</b>	<b>Manuel on Forgiveness</b>	<b>1 lesson</b>

**Outline of Galatians**

<b>I.</b>	<b>Personal: Justification by Faith Defended</b>	<b>1-2</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>Doctrinal: Justification by Faith Explained</b>	<b>3-4</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>Practical: Justification by Faith Applied</b>	<b>5-6</b>

**Book Theme:** Justification by Faith Alone

**Book Theme Verse:** Ga 2:16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus,

**Lesson Verse:** Ga 1:6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;

**I. Author of the Letter**

1. The apostle Paul was born 3 years after Jesus was trained to be a Pharisee by Gamaliel
2. The apostle Paul was an avowed enemy of Jesus and zealously persecuted His followers
3. Jesus brings Paul to saving faith on the road to Damascus when he was 25 years old

**II. Audience of the Letter**

1. The letter was sent to the churches in southern Galatia, founded on first missionary journey
2. The churches in southern Galatia were established with Gentiles who believed the gospel.
3. The churches in southern Galatia were led by elders, appointed by Paul and Barnabus

### **III. Purpose of the Letter**

Paul wrote this letter to the churches located in southern Galatia in order:

1. To reprove the church for abandoning their faith in the completed work of Christ on the cross
2. To refute the false teachers distorting the gospel to deceive the church
3. To defend himself, the messenger of the gospel, in order to protect the message of the gospel
4. To affirm the gospel and the doctrine of justification by faith alone

### **IV. Implications**

1. Unbelievers who hope in their own good works will be condemned and eternally separated from God

Mt 7:13–14 Mt 7:21–23 Lk 18:10–14

2. Believers have confidence that their standing before God is not dependent on their own good deeds but on Christ's finished work on the cross.

Tt 3:5–7 Eph 2:8–9

3. Believers are freed from the requirement to perfectly obey the law to earn righteousness

Ga 5:1 Ro 8:2–3 Ro 4:4–5

4. Instead, believers have peace with God being reconciled to God through faith in Christ

Ro 5:1 Ga 6:15–16

5. For believers, Christ's atoning work on the cross is entirely sufficient for salvation, and nothing needs to be added to it.

Ro 10:4 Ro 10:8–10

6. God alone receives the glory for saving sinners.

Php 3:8–9

7. Believers are equipped to share the true gospel with confidence to those who are perishing

2 Co 5:20–21