

# Letters of Paul

## An Introduction to Galatians

Sojourners Fellowship



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# New Testament Churches



Ethnic Galatians

Cities of Roman Province of Galatia where Paul established churches

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# Lystra



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- What was the tone of his writing?

It was very pointed, and yet also shows love and concern

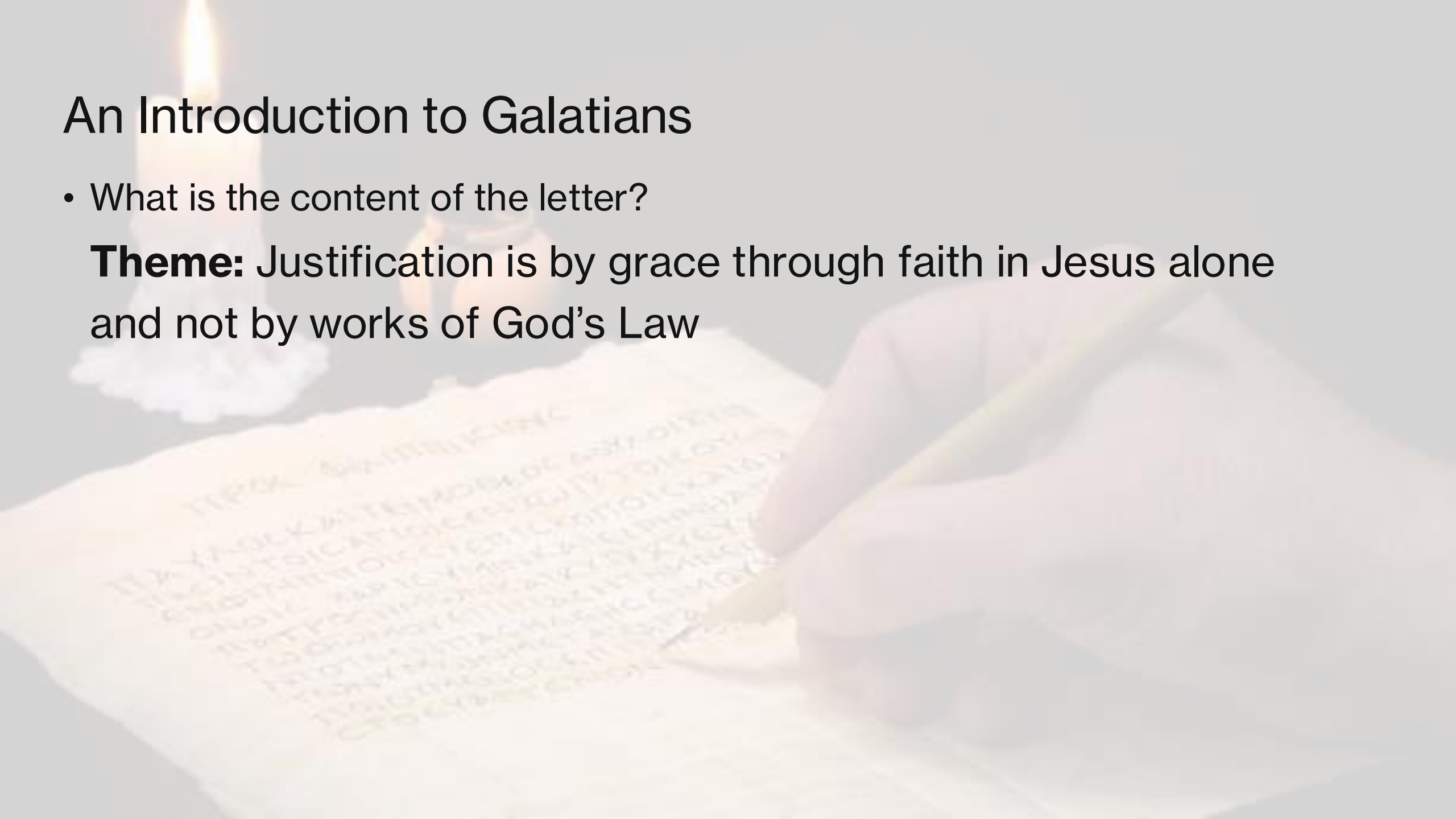
- What was the reason Paul was writing?

To address the problem of false teachers working to deceive the Galatians and win a following for themselves by teaching that it was necessary to obey God's Law to become a Christian

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- What is the content of the letter?

**Theme:** Justification is by grace through faith in Jesus alone and not by works of God's Law



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B. The Case of Abraham (3:6-9)

C. The Curse of the Law (3:10-14)

D. God's Law vs. God's Covenant Promise (3:15-22)

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B. Life as a Life in the Spirit (5:13-26)

C. Fulfilling Responsibilities to Others (6:1-10)

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- ❖ “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ 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 up for me.” *Galatians 2:20*
- ❖ “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us – for as it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’ – in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” *Galatians 3:13-14*
- ❖ “But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive adoption as sons.” *Galatians 4:4-5*

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- ❖ “For you were called to freedom, brethren, only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love, serve one another.” *Galatians 5:13*
- ❖ “But I say, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh,” *Galatians 5:16*
- ❖ “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” *Galatians 5:22-23*
- ❖ “Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.” *Galatians 6:2*
- ❖ “But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” *Galatians 6:14*

# Implications & Applications

1. There is nothing more important than holding a firm grip on the biblical gospel since it is the very foundation of the church and of our lives.
2. Praise God for our faithful pastors and elders at Countryside who are so committed to the truth of the gospel and proclaim it so clearly!
3. Beware of those who would influence the church with smooth talk and carefully designed arguments that sound biblical because they are base in some truth.
4. Praise God that our salvation is entirely a gift of His grace accomplished by the work of Christ and applied to us by the ministry of His Spirit, and not the result of anything we must do.