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# ROMANS & GALATIANS

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# PAUL'S SEVEN CHURCH LETTERS

1 Rome

5 Philippi

3 Galatia

7 Thessalonica

4 Ephesus

2 Corinth

6 Colossae



## LESSON OUTLINE

- I. Letter to the Galatians
- II. Letter to the Romans



# GALATIANS





# 1. SUMMARY

- Justification through faith.
- Romans is a commentary to this.
- Three key themes: Gospel, Justification, Law.

## 2. CONTEXT

- Judaizers in the church.
- Salvation through the Law.
- Gentiles to be circumcised.
- Paul counters them.
- Written between 52-53 CE. After Jerusalem Council.

### 3. BOOK OUTLINE

- Greeting (1:1-10)
- Narrative passage (1:11-2:21)
- Dogmatic passage (3:1-4:31)
- Exhortatory passage (5:1-6:10)
- Conclusion (6:11-18)



## A. GREETING

- Paul, an apostle appointed by Jesus and God the Father.
- Many churches in Galatia.

## B. NARRATIVE PASSAGE

- Paul, chosen from Mother's womb. Cf. Acts
- Went to Arabia?
- Council of Jerusalem.
- Peter to the Jews. Paul to the Gentiles (2:7)
- Pillars of the Church: James, Cephas, John.
- Double standard of Peter.
- Works or faith? (2:16). Cf. James
- "It is not I, but Christ lives in me" (2:20)

## C. DOGMATIC PASSAGE

- Holy Spirit through faith (3:2)
- Children of God through faith in Jesus (3:26)
- No Jew or Greek ... (3:28)
- God sent his son ... born of a woman (4:5)
- God as Father, through Spirit (4:6)
- Superstitions (4:10)
- You become like me (4:12)



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- Paul's ill health (4:14)
  - Birth pangs of Paul (4:19)
  - Allegories. Hagar and Sarah. Slave and Mistress. Nature and Promise. Sinai and Jerusalem.
  - We are the children of the mistress (4:31)

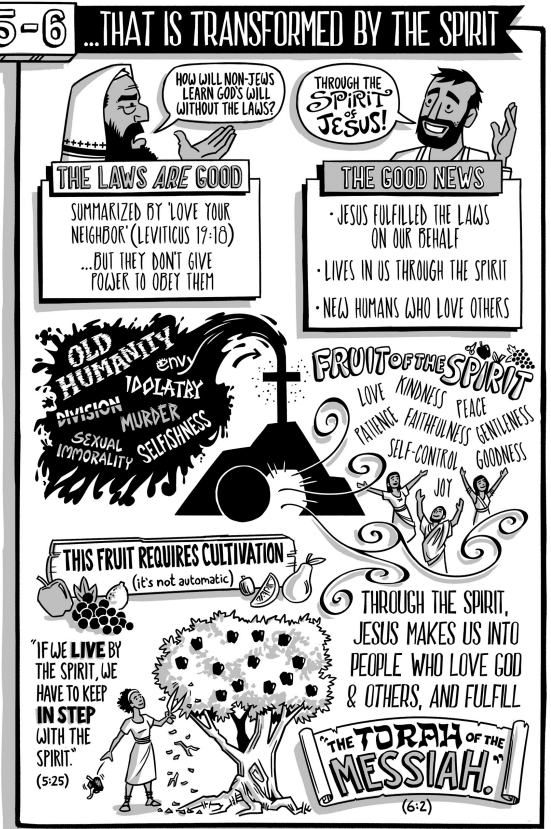
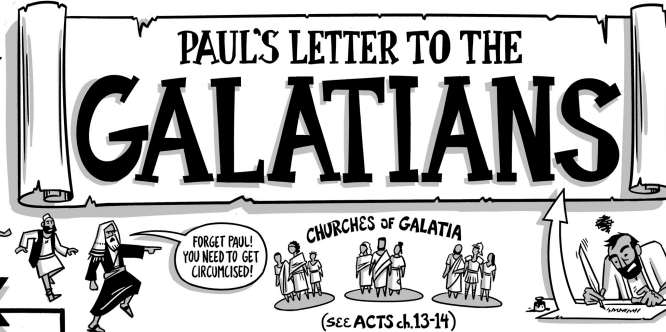
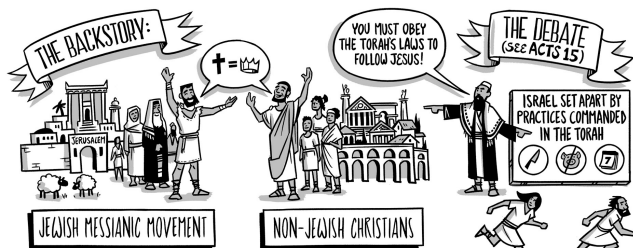
## D. EXHORTATORY PASSAGE

- Do not take upon yourselves the yoke of slavery (5:1). God's grace is not a license to sin.
- Yeast (5:6)
- Flesh vs. Spirit (5:16-26)
- Fruits of the Spirit
- Each one carries his / her burden (6:5)
- One reaps what one sows (6:7)
- Let us not grow tired of doing good (6:9). Lenten Message 2022.

## E. CONCLUSION

- Big letters.
- I boast in the cross of Jesus (6:14)
- Becoming new creation (6:15)





## II. ROMANS



# 1. SUMMARY

- Theology of Paul.
- Church doctrines evolved from here.
- Paraphrasing Galatians. Justification through faith.



## 2. CONTEXT

- Before going to Rome.
- Church established in Rome by visitors.
- On the way to Spain (15:28)
- Decluttering the believers' minds
- To accept the offerings from the people of God (15:31)
- Written about 57 CE

### 3. BOOK OUTLINE

- Theological (chs. 1-9) [Faith]
- Salvific (chs. 10-11) [Hope]
- Christian life (chs. 12-15) [Love]
- Additions?! (15:1-16:24)
- Greeting to 26 persons. Cf. Phoebe.

## A. GREETING

- Paul
  - A servant / slave of Christ Jesus.
  - Called to be an apostle.
  - Set apart for the gospel of God. (Rom 1:1)
- Grace, and obedience of faith (1:5)
- Longing to see you (1:11). Mutually encouraged.
- Not ashamed of the Gospel (1:16)

## B. HUMANS IN NEED OF SALVATION

- Ungodliness and unrighteousness (1:18)
- Epistemological, spiritual, and moral aberrations (1:21-32)
- Futility of the Law (2:17-29). To be a Jew inwards (2:29)
- All are sinners. Jews and Gentiles (3:9-20)

## C. GOD'S WAY OF JUSTIFYING PEOPLE

- By the law of works? No, by the law of faith (3:27)
- Abraham justified by faith (4:1-4). When he was uncircumcised. Father of all in faith.
- Hoping against hope (4:18)
- Counted to him as righteousness (4:22)

## D. NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

- “we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (5:3-5)
- Adam and Christ (5:12ff)

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- “where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (5:20)
  - “our old self crucified with Christ” (6:6)
  - “you become obedient slaves to the one whom you obey” (6:16)
  - Metaphor of marriage (7:1-3)
  - Struggle within human persons (7:14ff)

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- Life in the Spirit (8:1) vs. Law of the flesh.
  - Glory that is to come (8:18)
  - Holy Spirit helps us (8:26)
  - “synergy” (*syn+ergeo*) (8:28)
  - “if God is with us who is against us?” (8:31)



## E. ISRAELITES IN GOD'S SALVIFIC PLAN

- The younger son motif (9:11)
- Metaphor of clay and potter (9:21)
- They tried through works (9:32)
- Staircase parallelism. Call on him, believe, preaching, being sent.

## F. CHRISTIAN LIFE

- “To present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” (12:1)
- “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (12:2)

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- “Let love be genuine” (12:9)
  - “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer” (12:12)
  - “The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light” (13:12)

**SAUL OF TARSUS, A PHARISEE**  
TORM & TRADITION

**PAUL APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES**  
BROOKS

**OFFICIAL REP. OF JESUS**  
RADICAL!

**THE GOSPEL...**  
1-4 ...REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

**THE RISEN JESUS IS KING OF THE NATIONS**

**IS GOD'S POWER TO SAVE PEOPLE**

**REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**1-17**

**1-10-32** ALL NATIONS ARE TRAPPED

**SIN**

**GUilty!**

**3-9-20** BUT...GOOD NEWS!

**JESUS BECAME WHAT WE ARE...**

**TRAPPED & GUILTY**

**4** WHO IS IN GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY?

**DECLARED RIGHTEOUS BY HIS FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE (GENESIS 15:6)**

**ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12, 15)**

**ALL NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU & YOUR OFFSPRING**

**THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN THE ONE WHO FULFILLED GOD'S PROMISE!**

# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

**PAUL'S FULLEST EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS' LIFE, DEATH, & RESURRECTION**

**SPAIN!**

**THE CHURCH OF ROME**  
(SEE ACTS 18:1-2)

**EMPEROR CLAUDIUS**

**JESUS EXPELLED**

**5 YEARS LATER**

**WE ARE FREE IN CHRIST!**

**BLASPHEMY!!!**

**YOU MUST EAT KOSHER!**

**YOU NEED THE SABBATH!!**

**YOU NEED TO BE CIRCUMCISED.**

**ON YOU'RE BACK AGAIN.**

**OH, WHAT?!**

**WHAT?!**

**I WANT YOU TO BE UNIFIED!**

**12-16 ...UNIFIES THE CHURCH**

**UNIFYING THROUGH LOVE & FORGIVENESS**

**12-13**

**SERVING ONE ANOTHER**

**HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS**

**IT'S SORRY, I'VE BEEN A JOKER.**

**Love fulfills the TORAH**

**14-15**

**HEALING ETHNIC DIVISION**

**SHOW GRACE TO EACH OTHER ON NON-ESSENTIAL ISSUES**

**16**

**HONOR PHOEBE! ...SHE'S LEGIT!**

**SAY HI TO THE GANG!**

**1-4 ...REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**IS GOD'S POWER TO SAVE PEOPLE**

**REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**1** HE ALWAYS DOES WHAT IS **JUST & RIGHT.**

**2** HE IS **FAITHFUL** TO HIS PROMISES

**5-8 ...CREATES A NEW HUMANITY**

**JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH CREATES NEW HUMANITY**

**SIN**

**ADAM** "HUMANITY"

**JESUS** "THE NEW ADAM"

**OBEDIENCE**

**LOVE**

**DEATH**

**NEW LIFE!**

**LEAVE THIS HUMANITY!**

**BAPTISM**

**WE ARE JOINED TO JESUS**

**WHAT'S TRUE OF HIM IS TRUE OF US**

**LIBERATED TO LOVE GOD & NEIGHBOR**

**9-11 ...FULFILLS GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL**

**ISRAEL IN THE PAST**

**ETHNIC ISRAEL ≠ COVENANT MEMBER**

**GOD SELECTED A SUBSET OF THE FAMILY**

**ISRAEL IN THE PRESENT**

**COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BASED ON LAWS**

**NEW COVENANT FAMILY BASED ON FAITH**

**ISRAEL IN THE FUTURE**

**JEWISH & GENTILE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS**

**MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY**

**IS GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL?**

**NO!**

**REJECTORS OF JESUS**

**ONE DAY JESUS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY HIS PEOPLE.**

**SOME GRAFTED ON**

**SOME BROKEN OFF**



### III. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LETTERS



# LIFE LESSONS

- From GALATIANS
  - Crucified (Gal 2:20)
  - Sons (Gal 4:4-7)
  - Fruits (Gal 5:22-23)
  - Do good (Gal 6:9)

# LIFE LESSONS

- From ROMANS
  - The Christian responsibility (Rom 12:1)
  - The right mindset (Rom 12:2)
  - A loving lifestyle (Rom 12:9-13)



# ASSESSMENT





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1. To which tribe does Paul belong to? **A. Benjamin.** B. Judah. C. Ephraim.
  2. When did God choose Paul according to Galatians? **A. In the womb of the mother.** B. On the way to Damascus. C. In the Jerusalem Council.
  3. Abraham was justified: A. Because of circumcision. B. Because of Isaac. C. **Through his faith.**
  4. The opponents of the Galatian church insisted on: A. Torah free Gospel. B. Circumcision free stand. **C. On Torah and circumcision.**
  5. How does Paul justify his being the Apostle of God? **A. He was chosen by direct revelation.** B. Peter regarded him as an apostle. C. The Jerusalem Council accepted him as an apostle.

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6. Who are the sinners before God in Romans? A. The Jews. B. The Gentiles. C. **Both the Jews and the Gentiles.**
7. We are justified: A. Through our works. **B. Through faith in Jesus Christ.** C. Through Abraham's faith.
8. According Paul, what is the time of the justification of the Christians? A. Confirmation. B. Ordination. **C. Baptism.**
9. Who founded the Church in Rome? A. Paul. B. Peter. **C. Visitors present in Jerusalem for the Pentecost, or by travelling business men, or Christians who went to Rome to fulfil secular duties.**
10. What event invalidated the Law and its effects? **A. The Crucifixion of Christ.** B. the Jerusalem Council. C. Paul's preaching to the Galatians.

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## Paragraph Questions

1. What is the nature of Paul's Gospel in Galatians?
2. Write something about the life in the spirit.
3. How do we justify Abraham as the father of faith?
4. Write in nutshell the theology of the Romans.
5. Write about the righteousness of God in Romans.
6. What are the fruits of Justification?

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