

Handout 1: Galatians Lesson 1

SUMMARY OF ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATINAS

Biblical Period	#12 The Kingdom of the Church				
Covenant	The New Covenant in Christ Jesus				
Focus	Grace Defended	Grace Explained		Grace Applied	
Scripture	1:1-----3:1-----4:1-----5:1-----6:11-----18				
Division	Greeting and Paul's Apostleship	Bondage of the old Law	Freedom of Grace	Exhortation to Christians and Fruits of the Spirit	Conclusion
Topic	Defense of Paul's Gospel and Authority	Doctrinal Exposition		Practical Exhortation on Christian Life	
	True Liberty	Faith and Liberty		Application of True Liberty	
Location	Southern Galatian Theory: Syrian Antioch Northern Galatian Theory: Ephesus or Macedonia				
Time	South Galatian Theory: c. AD 49 Northern Galatian Theory: c. AD 53-56				
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The major themes of St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians:

1. Paul's Gospel and his apostleship
2. Salvation by grace alone through the work of salvation merited by Jesus Christ
3. The legalism of the old Covenant Law versus the freedom of the New Covenant
4. Living a Spirit-empowered life

Chapter 1 contains:

1. Paul's greeting (Gal 1:1-5)
2. Paul's condemnation of false teachers and their false doctrines (Gal 1:6-9)
3. Paul's background and his divine call to apostleship (Gal 1:10-17)
4. Paul's first visit to Jerusalem (Gal 1:18-24)

In Galatians 1:1-2:21 St. Paul makes three claims:

1. There is only one Gospel and that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ that Paul preaches.
2. Paul was not commissioned by human beings but received his Gospel through a revelation from Jesus Christ Himself.
3. The Gospel that Paul preaches is the path to true liberty.

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Handout 2: THE LIFE OF PAUL: “Apostle to the Goyim (Gentiles)”

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Year AD</u> (all dates are approximate)
Born at Tarsus (modern Turkey) sometime between 7 and 12 AD of Jewish parents who are Roman citizens and traced their ancestry to the tribe of Benjamin (Rom 11:1; Phil 3:5)	10?
Arrival in Jerusalem to study with Gamaliel (Acts 22:3)	30
Sent as an officer of the Sanhedrin to arrest Christians in Damascus & conversion (Acts 9; 22:6-16; 26:12-18)	36
3 year sojourn in Arabia and mission to Damascus (Gal 1:17)	36-39
Visit to Jerusalem (Gal 1:18)	39
Sojourn in Tarsus (Acts 9:30)	?
Arrival in Antioch, Syria to serve the Christian community (Acts 11:25)	43-44
1 st Missionary Journey (Acts 13-14) -Cyprus -Roman Province of south Galatia (Antioch Pisidia) -Lycaonia (Iconium, Lystra)	45-49
Visit to Jerusalem for the Council of the Jerusalem (Acts 15)	49/50
2 nd Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36-18:21): -at Athens & Corinth (Greece); meets Roman governor Gallio* -wrote 1 & 2 Thessalonians	50-52 50?52 51-52
3 rd Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23-21:14) -visited Phrygia & Galatia -at Ephesus (Turkey) -wrote 1 Corinthians -mission to Macedonia -wrote 2 Corinthians -at Corinth (Greece) -wrote letter to the Romans	53-58 53 54-57 54 57 57?58 57-58 57/58
Return to Jerusalem (Acts 21:15-23:22)	Spring of 58
*Roman Governor Felix / 2 year imprisonment at Caesarea. Hearing with Governor Festus at Caesarea = sent to Rome (Acts 24-25)	58-60
4 th Journey: Voyage to Rome & shipwreck off the coast of Malta (Acts 27)	60?61
Paul imprisoned in Rome (Acts 28) -wrote letters to the churches at Colossus, Philemon, Ephesus, Philippi	61-63
*Voyage to the east and the west (Spain? Voyage to Britain?) letters 1 Timothy & Titus	63-67
Final Roman captivity: 2 Timothy letter	67
Martyrdom by beheading	67

THE MANY JOURNEYS OF ST. PAUL—APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES

ST. PAUL'S CALL TO CONVERSION and NEW LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN	
Witnessed St. Stephen's martyrdom	Acts 8:1
Mission to arrest Christians for the Sanhedrin	Acts 8:3
Conversion experience on the Road to Damascus	Acts 9:1-19
Paul preaches in Damascus	Acts 9:20-25
Spends 3 years in Arabia	Galatians 1:17-18
Returns to Damascus	Galatians 1:17
Meets with the Apostles Peter, James (Bishop of Jerusalem) , and John in Jerusalem	Acts 9:26-30; Galatians 1:17-19
Goes to Caesarea and then to Tarsus	Acts 9:30; Galatians 1:21
Called by Barnabas to join him in Antioch, Syria	Acts 11:26
Takes a famine relief contribution to Jerusalem	Acts 11:3
Returns to Antioch, Syria	Acts 12:25

ST. PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY: Approximate dates: 45 – 49 AD Companions: Barnabas, John Mark Mission field: Cyprus and Asia Minor (Turkey) Approximate miles traveled: 1,400 miles Sent by church of Antioch, Syria	
Mission to Cyprus by way of Seleucia (sea port of Antioch in the province of Syria)	Acts 13:4-12
Antioch in Pisidia in the province of Galatia (south-central Asia Minor)	Acts 13:13-51
Iconium in the province of Lycaonia (central Asia Minor)	Acts 14:1-5
Lystra in the province of Lycaonia (central Asia Minor)	Acts 14:6-19
Derbe in the province of Lycaonia (central Asia Minor)	Acts 14:20
Back through Lystra, Iconium and Antioch Pisidia	Acts 14:21-26
Return to home church at Antioch, Syria	Acts 14:27-28
Council of Jerusalem	Acts 15

ST. PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY: Approximate dates: 50 – 52 AD Companions: Silas, Timothy, Priscilla and Aquila, Luke Mission field: Syria, Turkey, Greece Approximate miles traveled: 2,800 miles Sent by church of Antioch, Syria	
Syria and Cilicia (Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia was Paul's hometown)	Acts 15:23
Derbe and Lystra in Lycaonia (Timothy's home)	Acts 16:1-5
Phrygia and Galatia (Roman provinces)	Acts 16:6
Mysia to Troas	Acts 16:6-10
Samothracis and Neapolis	Acts 16:11
Philippi in Macedonia	Acts 16:12-40
Amphipolis and Apollonia	Acts 17:1
Thessalonica	Acts 17:1-9
Beroea (Berea)	Acts 17:10-15
Athens	Acts 17:16-34
Corinth	Acts 18:1-18

Cenchrea (Cenchreae)	Acts 18:18
Ephesus	Acts 18:19-21
Caesarea	Acts 18:22
Jerusalem	Acts 18:23
Antioch, Syria	Acts 18:23

ST. PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY Approximate dates: 53 – 58 AD Companions: Timothy, Luke, and other disciples Mission field: Turkey, Greece, Lebanon, Judea-Samaria-Galilee Approximate miles traveled: 2,700 Sent by church of Antioch, Syria	
Galatia and Phrygia	Acts 18:23
Ephesus	Acts 19:1-20; 23-40
Macedonia	Acts 19:21; 20:1
Greece (Achaia)	Acts 20:2-3
Macedonia, Philippi, and Troas	Acts 20:3-12
Assos, Mitylene; near Chios, Samos, Trogyllium, Miletus	Acts 20:13-38
Cos, Rhodes, Patara	Acts 21:1-2
Tyre and Ptolemais	Acts 21:3-7
Caesarea	Acts 21:8-16
Jerusalem	Acts 21:17-23:22
Caesarea (imprisoned 2 years)	Acts 23:23-26:32

ST. PAUL'S FOURTH JOURNEY TO ROME Approximate date: 60/61 AD Companions: Luke, Roman guards, others By way of Lebanon, Turkey, Crete, Malta, Sicily, Rome Approximate miles traveled: 2,250 miles Sent by Roman Governor Festus	
Caesarea	Acts 27:1-3
Sidon, Myra, Cnidus	Acts 27:4-7
Fair Havens (Crete)	Acts 27:8
Clauda (Cauda)	Acts 27:15
Malta (Melita)	Acts 28:1-10
Syracuse, Rhegium, Puteoli	Acts 28:11-11-13
Forum of Appius and Three Taverns	Acts 28:15
Rome	Acts 28:16

OTHER TRAVELS—YEAR OF TRAVEL UNKNOWN:

Macedonia to Illyricum: 1 Timothy 1:3
Troas and Miletus: 2 Timothy 4:13, 20
Crete: Titus 1:5
Mission to Spain: circa 63-66 AD: Romans 15:28
Nicomolis: Titus 3:12

MARTYRDOM:

Back to Rome and martyrdom: 2 Timothy 1; death June 29, 67 AD
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