

GALATIANS⁶

Author: Paul, the Apostle

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Recipients: the Church at Galatia

Theme: Christ the Deliverer

Key Verse: 3:2

“This is the only thing I want to find out from you:
did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law,
or by hearing with faith?”

I. THE SALUTATION to the Galatian Believers (1:1-5)

1. The Identification of the Writer (1:1-2a)
2. The Identification of the Recipients (1:2b)
3. The Identification of God's Plan (1:3-4a)
4. The Identification of God's Purpose (1:4b-5)

II. THE PROVOCATION of the Letter (1:6-10)

1. The Galatians Were Deserting Christ (1:6-7a).
2. The Galatians Were Under Duress (1:7b).
3. The Apostle Curses The Deceivers (1:8-9).
4. The Apostle Proves His Genuineness (1:10).

III. THE VINDICATION of Paul's Apostleship (1:11-2:21)

1. The Vindication Comes Through Paul's Personal Explanation (1:11-2:10).
2. The Vindication Comes Through Paul's Personal Experience (2:11-21).

IV. THE INDOCTRINATION with the Truth (3:1-5:1)

1. The Indoctrination Commences With Inquisition (3:1).
2. The Indoctrination Centers Around One Issue: Is Man Saved By Law or by Faith? (3:2-5).
3. The Indoctrination Invokes The Example of Abraham (3:6-29).
4. The Indoctrination Involves the Analogy of the Heir (4:1-11).
5. The Indoctrination Includes an Appeal to the Church (4:12-20).
6. The Indoctrination Includes An Allegory (4:21-5:1).

V. THE IMPLEMENTATION of Practicalities (5:2-6:10)

1. What about circumcision (5:2-6)?
2. Who has hindered your spiritual growth (5:7-12)?
3. What place has Love (5:13-15)?
4. The Way of the Flesh (5:16-21)
5. The Fruit of the Spirit (5:22-26)
6. Bearing One Another's Burdens (6:1-5)
7. Sowing and Reaping (6:6-10)

VI. THE CONSUMMATION of the Epistle (6:11-18)

1. The Apostle's Final Summation (6:11-16)
2. The Apostle's Personal Conclusion and Benediction (6:17-18)