

## Bible Study Guide: Background of Galatians

### PART 1: BACKGROUND

**Author:** Paul the Apostle Audience: Churches in Galatia

**Issue:** False teachers were adding the Law to the gospel of grace.

**Theme:** Justification by faith, not by works of the law.

### Chapters 1–3 — Gospel Defended (Faith over Law)

#### Memory Verse

#### Galatians 2:16

*“A person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.”*



#### Key Scriptures

- Galatians 1:6–7 — Warning against a false gospel
- Galatians 2:20 — *“I have been crucified with Christ...”*
- Galatians 3:11 — *“The righteous shall live by faith”*
- Galatians 3:24 — Law as a tutor leading to Christ

#### What to Remember

- Gospel = from Christ, not people
- Law exposes sin but cannot save
- Faith = the only way to righteousness

#### Quick Check

- What is the “false gospel” Paul warns about?
- Why can’t the law justify us?

## Chapter 4 — Identity

### Memory Verse

#### Galatians 4:7

*“So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.”*

#### Key Scriptures

- Galatians 4:4–5 — Adoption through Christ
- Galatians 4:6 — “Abba, Father”
- Galatians 4:9 — Warning against returning to bondage

#### What to Remember

- You are adopted, not earning status
- Identity changes everything
- Going back to law = going back to slavery

#### Quick Check

- What does it mean to call God “Abba”?
- How does identity affect behavior?

## Chapter 5 — Freedom (Live by the Spirit)

### Memory Verse

#### Galatians 5:1

*“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”*

## Key Scriptures

- **Galatians 5:13** — Freedom to serve, not sin
- **Galatians 5:16** — Walk by the Spirit
- **Galatians 5:19–21** — Works of the flesh
- **Galatians 5:22–23** — Fruit of the Spirit

## What to Remember

- Freedom is not doing whatever you want
- True freedom = Spirit-led life
- Your life produces visible fruit

## Quick Check

- What's the difference between flesh and Spirit?
- Which fruit do you see growing in your life?

## Chapter 6 — Action (Serve, Sow, Glorify Christ)

### Memory Verse

#### Galatians 6:9

*“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”*

## Key Scriptures

- **Galatians 6:1** — Restore gently
- **Galatians 6:7** — You reap what you sow
- **Galatians 6:10** — Do good to all
- **Galatians 6:14** — Boast only in the cross

## What to Remember

- Your actions reflect your faith

- Life is a sowing-and-reaping process
- Everything points back to Christ

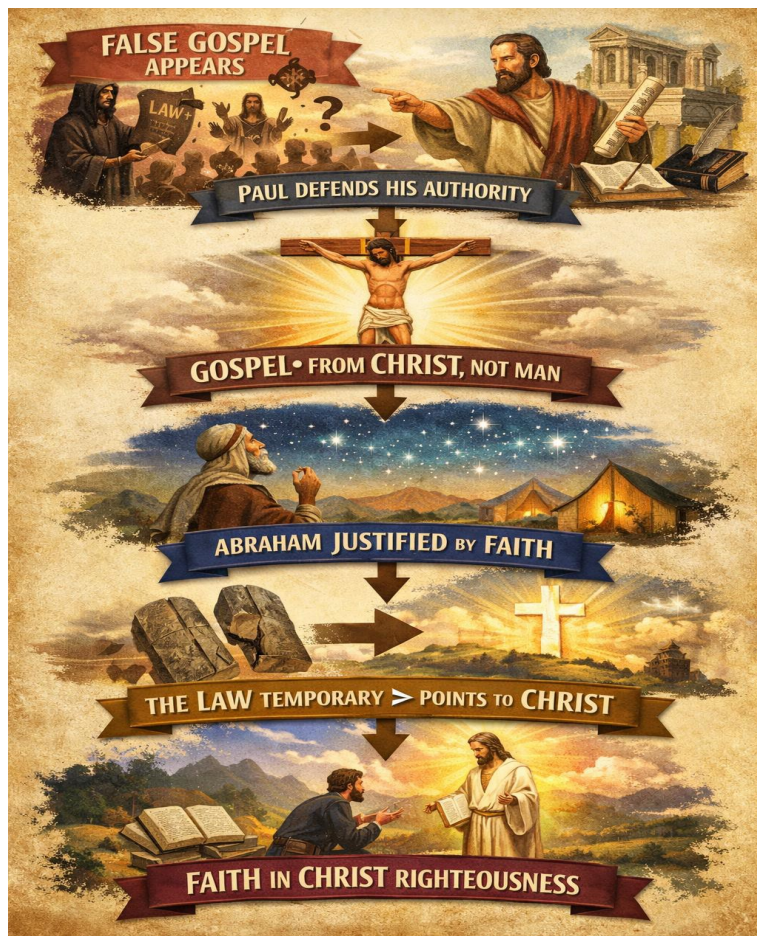
### Quick Check

- What are you sowing daily?
- What does it mean to boast only in Christ?

### Study Tip

Memorize one verse per chapter using this rhythm:

- Day 1–2: Read it aloud
- Day 3–4: Write it
- Day 5–7: Recite without looking



**Key Verse: Galatians 2:16 — Justified by faith, not works.**



**Ch 1-3**

**Key Verses:** Galatians 2:16, 3:11, 3:24

**Ch 4**

**Key Verses:** Galatians 4:4-7

**Ch 5**

**Key Verses:** Galatians 5:1, 5:22-23

**Ch 6**

**Key Verses:** Galatians 6:7, 6:9, 6:14

## Quiz

What is justification by faith?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Why is the law insufficient?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

What does sonship mean?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

What is the fruit of the Spirit?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

What does sowing and reaping mean?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_