

AN INTRODUCTION TO GALATIANS
(Galatians 1:1-2)

The General Outline of Galatians:

- I. Personal: Paul Defends His Authority And The Origination Of His Gospel Message (Chapter 1 & 2)**
- II. Doctrinal: Paul Defends His God Given Message – The Gospel of Grace (Chapter 3 & 4)**
- III. Practical: Paul Defends Christian Liberty And Living By Grace (Chapter 5 & 6)**

Key Verses –

- I. Personal: Paul Defends His Authority And The Origination Of His Gospel Message (Chapter 1 & 2)**
 - A. Paul's Introduction (1:1-5)**

1. The **writer** of this epistle is _____. (1:1a, 5:2)

a. Paul's background:

1) Birth?

2) Upbringing?

3) Conversion?

4) Name?

5) Influence?

6) Death?

b. Paul's apostleship (1:1b)

1) The word "apostle" means _____.

2) How is the term used in the NT?

3) The qualifications to be a genuine apostle included having _____ the risen Christ (1 Cor 9:1) and having been _____ personally by Jesus Christ (Acts 26:13-18)

c. Paul's Authority (1:1c)

1) Paul's apostleship was by _____ appointment directly by "Jesus Christ" and "God the Father".

*Why was it necessary to establish this truth?

d. Paul's Associates (1:2a)

1) Who might these be?

2) Why does he mention them?

2. The **recipients** of this epistle are the "Churches in Galatia" (1:2b)

a. Where is Galatia?

b. Who are the Galatians?

c. How were these churches planted?

d. Why is Paul concerned for them?

e. What does this indicate about the letter?

3. The **date** of this book is approximately 49 AD

What can we expect to learn from this study?

- A needed clarification of the Gospel of God's grace
- An important explanation of the relationship of Law vs. grace
- A crucial expose on what legalism is and is not
- A vital understanding of living by grace and a walk in the spirit vs. license
- A necessary warning against departing from and an encouragement to defending the true Gospel amidst the false teaching of our day