

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME SIX
LETTERS TO GOD'S PEOPLE—A SURVEY OF ROMANS—PHILEMON
GALATIANS: LETTER OF LIBERATION
A SURVEY OF GALATIANS



The Heart of the Matter

This little six-chapter letter holds high the banner of grace. Though small, it packs a dynamic punch! Galatians liberates. It assaults the bondage of legalism more directly than any other Bible book and, except for the book of Romans, most thoroughly develops the answer to the question: are we saved by believing or by achieving? The clear announcement of this letter to Christians could be put into three words: *You are free*. Because Christ has done it all, there remains nothing left for us to do except believe—freely and fully—in His finished work for our eternal salvation.



Discovering the Way

1. The Letter: Several Introductory Matters (Galatians 2:4–11; 5:5–7)

Galatians is a strong affirmation of liberty based on grace, a bold attack on legalism based on works, and a needed encouragement for those caught in between.

2. Its Value: Why Galatians Is Significant (Galatians 1:6–9; 2:16; 3:23–26; 5:13–16)

This letter includes a strong warning, a confident affirmation, a simple statement, and a needed balance.

3. An Analysis: What It Includes

The purpose of Galatians is clear—it offers a forthright defense of the true gospel.

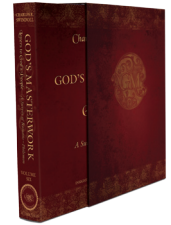


Starting Your Journey

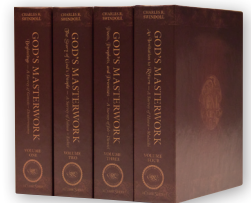
No one is immune to the temptation to drift from the true message and the true Master. Try reading Galatians daily for one week and allow the gospel to penetrate your heart and life.



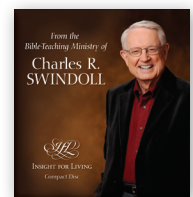
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	Personal Words from Paul Defense of the True Gospel For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. (1:11–12) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1–2	Doctrinal Teaching Freedom from Legalism Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. (3:24–25) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 3–4	Practical Exhortations Freedom to Love and to Serve For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (5:13) <i>CHAPTERS</i> 5–6
Style	Vigorous, blunt, direct, and brief		
Theme	Justification comes by faith in Christ Jesus, not by works of the Law.		
Key Verse	2:16		
Christ in Galatians	Jesus is the source and power of the believer's new life and the heir of the promises to Abraham's seed (2:20; 3:1–16).		

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