

# **P.T. BIBLE SURVEY**

## **The Epistle of Paul to the Galatians**

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- Who wrote it?
  - Paul is the writer of this epistle (1:1).
  - Paul wrote this letter himself without dictating it to a secretary (6:11).

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- ◉ Timing of Events:

- Paul and Barnabas had just returned from their first missionary journey. When they arrived in Antioch they heard about the false teachers in Galatia who believed a person must keep the Jewish law in order to be right with God.

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## ◎ Location of Events:

- Paul most probably wrote Galatians while in Antioch.

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## Paul's First Missionary Journey





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## II. The Gospel of Grace Explained (3:1-4:31)

- Holy Spirit is Given and Abraham Justified by Faith, Not by Works (3:1-9)
- Justification is by Faith, Not by the Law (3:10-4:11)
- Galatians Receive Blessings by Faith, Not by the Law (4:12-20)
- Law and Grace Cannot Coexist (4:21-31)

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## III. The Gospel of Grace Applied (5:1-6:18)

- Position of Liberty: “Stand Fast” (5:1-12)
- Practice of Liberty: Love One Another (5:13-15)
- Power of Liberty: Walk in the Spirit (5:16-26)
- Performance in Liberty: Do Good to All Men (6:1-10)
- Conclusion (6:11-18)

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## ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:

- Christians are free from restrictive Jewish laws.

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## ◎ Cast of Characters:

- **Paul:** preacher of the gospel; apostle to the Gentiles
- **Peter:** the first of the apostles visited by Paul
- **James:** brother of the Lord; second believer Paul spoke to in Jerusalem
- **Titus, Barnabas:** accompany Paul on his second visit to Jerusalem
- **John:** with Peter and James are pillars of the church in Jerusalem

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## Verse to Remember

“But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.”

(Galatians 3:11)

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## ◉ Interesting Facts:

- **The Book of Galatians has been called:**
  - “The Magna Carta of Christian liberty.”
  - “The Christian’s Declaration of Independence.”
- **Words frequently used in the Book of Galatians:**
  - “The law” - 31 times
  - “Flesh” - 18 times
  - “Spirit” - 15 times
  - “Faith” - 21 times



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- What is my take away?
  - We have such a rich and enduring inheritance in Christ that is based on faith alone.

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## ◉ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters daily in Ephesians this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.