

GALATIANS

Freedom in the One Gospel

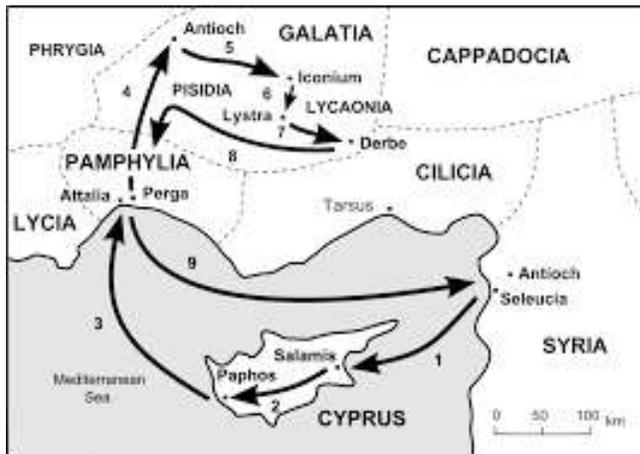
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By: Paul

To: Churches in Galatia (1:2)

When: late 40s / early 50s

Acts 14:28



Why: The Gentile/Jew debate
In Paul's journeys, usually there is a group of Jews who run him out of town. What would it be like to be a church leader left behind?

What's the problem with "encouraging" Gentiles to follow Jewish Law?

Compare the opening of Galatians to Paul's other letters
What's missing?

Theme:

Living under the Law vs. Living in the Freedom of the Gospel

A Basic Outline of Galatians

Introduction (1:1-9)

- Usual Greeting
- Denunciation

The Gospel at work in Paul's Life (1:10-2:21)

- Personal Revelation
- Early, Immediate Sharing of the Gospel
- Meeting with the Jerusalem Leaders
 - Confirming Ministry to the Gentiles
- Conflict with Peter in Antioch

The One Gospel (3:1-4:31)

- The Galatians' Foundation in the Gospel
- Abraham's Faith and the Curse of the Law
- Do not Return to the
 - Priority of the Promise
 - Purpose of the Law
- Sons, not Slaves
- Paul's example of Freedom
- Hagar and Sarah

Living Together in the Freedom of the One Gospel (5:1-6:10)

- Stay Firm in Freedom
- Living Free by the Spirit
- Encouraging Each Other in Freedom

Some key verses from Galatians

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— which is really no gospel at all. 1:6-7

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 3:26-27

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. 5:1

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 5:13