

New Testament Survey
GALATIANS

Author: Paul (1:1; 5:2; 6:11)

Date: 49 or 53-56

If it is written to the churches Paul had visited on his first missionary journey, this letter would have been written from Syrian Antioch about AD 49, just prior to the Jerusalem council (Acts 15 - There is no mention of the Jerusalem council and the behavior of Cephas would not make sense after the Jerusalem council. This view is also supported by the fact that Barnabas is mentioned three times in chapter 2).

If it is written to churches in the area of northern Galatia, as supported by church fathers, it would have been written after Paul may have gone through the area on his third missionary journey from either Ephesus (as early as AD 53) or Macedonia (as late as AD 56).

Theme: *Gospel of Grace vs. Law.* Paul combats heresy of Judaizers by defending, explaining and applying the true Gospel of Grace (Justification by Faith, not law).

Misc. This letter was addressed to the churches of an area rather than an individual church.

Galatia is a region in the central part of what is now Turkey. The northern area was the center of a particular ethnic population. The southern area was included in a political region set up by the Romans.

People to Know: Paul, Barnabas, Cephas

Brief Outline

- I. Gospel of Grace Defended. (1-2)
- II. Gospel of Grace Explained. (3-4)
- III. Gospel of Grace Applied. (5-6)

Key Chapters & Verses: (Bold required for Elders)

- 2. . . . Gospel of Grace 1. Approved by Jerusalem Council. 2. Vindicated in the rebuking of Peter.
- 2:20. . *"I am crucified with Christ, ..."*
- 3:13. . *"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us- for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'."*
- 3:23-29**. . The law is a tutor; all sons of God through faith; neither Jew/Greek - slave/free - male/ female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
- 5. . . . Gospel of Grace Applied in 1. Christian Liberty, 2. Walk by the Spirit.
- 5:1**. . *"It was for freedom that Christ set us free;..."*
- 5:16-26. . Walk by the Spirit - not by flesh.
- 5:22-23**. . *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law."*
- 6:1-5**. . Those who are spiritual are to restore those caught in trespass
- 6:6-10**. *"Do not be deceived.... sow/reap... flesh reap corruption... Spirit reap eternal life. Do good to all, but especially to the household of faith"*

Detailed Outline
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I. Gospel of Grace Defended. (Chapters 1-2)

A. Introduction (1:1-10)

1. Salutation (1-5)

2. The Reason for The Letter (6-10)

a. Their Departure from the Gospel (6-7)

b. The Seriousness of the Offense (8-10)

B. Paul's Defense of the Gospel He Proclaimed (1:11-2:21)

1. Its Divine Origin (1:11-24)

a. God's Call upon Paul & His Early Ministry (11-17)

b. Paul's First Meeting with a Few Apostles (18-24)

2. Its Approval by the Apostles (2:1-10)

3. Its Vindication in Rebuking Peter (2:11-21)

a. Peter's Hypocrisy (11-13)

b. Paul's Rebuke of Peter (14-21)

II. Gospel of Grace Explained. (Chapters 3-4)

A. Faith vs. Works of the Law (3:1-14)

1. The Conduct of the Galatians (1-5)

2. The Example of Abraham (6-9)

3. The Curse of the Law (10-12)

4. The Redemption in Christ Jesus (13-14)

B. The Law, Faith & God's Promises (3:15-4:7)

1. The Purpose of the Law (3:15-22)

a. The Superiority of the Promise (15-18)

b. The Function of the Law (19-24)

2. The Benefits of Faith (25-29)

a. Release from the Tutor (25)

b. Made an Heir of the Promise (26-29)

3. The Fulfillment of God's Promise (4:1-7)

a. The Restrictions While a Child (1-3)

b. The Fullness of Time (4)

c. Adoption as Son (5-7)

C. The Galatian Lapse (4:8-31)

1. Their Lapse Described (8-11)

2. Paul's Ministry to them Explained (12-20)

3. Their Lapse Challenged by an Illustration (21-31)

a. The Illustration Introduced (21-24)

b. Children of the bondwoman (25)

c. Children of the promise (26-28)

d. The Illustration Explained (29-31)

III. Gospel of Grace Applied. (Chapters 5-6)

A. Position of Liberty - Standing Fast (5:1-12)

1. The Command (1)

2. The Warning (2-4)

3. The Hope (5-6)

4. The Persuader (7-12)

B. Practice of Liberty - Loving One Another (5:13-15)

C. Power for Liberty - Waking in the Spirit (5:16-26)

1. The Conflict Between the Flesh and the Spirit (16-18)

2. The Works of the Flesh (19-21)

3. The Fruit of the Spirit (22-26)

D. Performance of Liberty - Doing Good to All Men (6:1-10)

1. Bearing One Another's Burdens (1-5)

2. Not Being Weary in Well Doing (6-10)

E. Conclusions (6:11-18)

1. The Motives of the Circumcised (11-13)

2. The Motives of Paul (14-17)

3. Salutation (18)

New Testament Survey
EPHESIANS

Author: Paul

Date: 61 (Written from Rome during Paul's first imprisonment there)

Theme: *Christian Position and Practice.* (Ecclesiology)

Misc. Paul had been in Ephesus briefly during his second missionary journey, and then spent two years there during his third missionary journey. Ephesus was a major trade city and the center of worship of Diana (Artemis).

Brief Outline

I. CHRISTIAN POSITION (1-3)

1. Chosen and Sealed, prayer
2. Saved by Grace, united in one body/building
3. Mystery revealed through Paul, prayer (Gentiles fellow heirs/members/partakers)

II. CHRISTIAN PRACTICE (4-6)

4. Walk worthy of Calling (4:1-16)
Walk no longer as Gentiles do (4:17-32)
5. Walk in love (5:1-2)
Walk as Children of light (5:3 -14)
Walk in Wisdom (Christ/Church, Husbands/wives) (5:15-33)
6. Children/parents; Slaves/masters (6:1-9)
Stand in warfare (Believer's armor) (6:10-20)
Closing Greetings (6:21-24)

Key Chapters & Verses: (Bold required for Elders)

1:4. . . chosen in Him before the Foundation of the world to be holy & blameless before Him

1:3-14. Believer's Spiritual Inheritance

2:1-10. Election (Born in sin, made alive with Christ, saved by grace, walk in good works)

3:20-21 "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly ... to Him be glory..."

4. . . . Christian unity and walk

4:1-6.. Walk in a manner worthy of your calling. . . (humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, unity, peace) in unity

4:11-16 Leaders given for equipping/building the Body

4:32. . "And be kind...tenderhearted, forgiving..."

5. . . . Be imitators of God, walk in love, walk in wisdom

5:18. . be filled with the Spirit

5:22-33 Relationships between husbands and wives

6:1-4.. Relationships between children and parents

6:5-9.. Relationships between owners and slaves (employers and employees)

6:10-18 Spiritual warfare - stand firm / spiritual armor

Detailed Outline
EPHESIANS

I. CHRISTIAN POSITION (Chapters 1-3)

A. Introduction (1:1-2)

B. Spiritual Blessings in Christ (1:3-14)

1. Chosen by the Father (3-6)

2. Redeemed by the Son (7-12)

3. Sealed by the Spirit (13-14)

C. Thanksgiving and Prayer for The Ephesians (1:15-23)

D. Saved by Grace (2:1-10)

1. Born Dead in Sin (1-3)

2. Made Alive by God (4-10)

a. The Actions of God in Salvation (4-7)

b. The Means of God for Salvation (8-9)

c. The Purpose of God in Salvation (10)

E. United by Grace (2:11 - 3:13)

1. The Former State of the Gentiles (11-12)

2. The Reconciliation of Jew & Gentile in Christ (13-18)

3. The Unity of Jew & Gentile in Christ (19-22)

4. The Revelation of the Mystery of the Church (3:1-13)

F. Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians (3:14-21)

1. The Prayer (14-19)

2. The Benediction (20-21)

II. CHRISTIAN PRACTICE (Chapters 4-6)

A. Walk Worthy of Your Calling (4:1-16)

1. The Worthy Walk (1-3)

2. Walk in Doctrinal Unity (4-6)

3. Walk in Harmony of Ministry Gifts (7-16)

a. Ministry Gifts (7-11)

b. The Interdependence of the Gifts (12-16)

B. Walk No Longer as the Gentiles Do (4:17-32)

1. Becoming a New Man (17-24)

2. Living as a New Man (25-32)

B. Be Imitators of God (5:1-14)

1. Walk in Love (5:1-6)

2. Walk as Children of light (5:7-14)

E. Walk in Wisdom (5:15-6:20)

1. Wisdom for Daily Life (5:15-21)

a. The Command (15)

b. Wisdom & Time (16)

- c. Wisdom & the Lord's Will (17)
- d. Wisdom & Spirit Control (18)
- e. Wisdom & Speech (19-20)
- f. Wisdom in Mutual Submission (21)
- 2. Wisdom for Husbands and Wives (5:22-33)
 - a. The Submission of the Wife (22-24)

 - b. The Love of the Husband (25-31)

 - c. The Mystery of Marriage (32-33)
- 3. Wisdom for Children and Parents (6:1-4)
 - a. The Command to Children (1-3)

 - b. The Command to Fathers (4)
- 4. Wisdom for Slaves & Masters (6:5-9)
 - a. The Commands to Slaves (5-8)

 - b. The Commands to Masters (9)
- 5. Wisdom for Spiritual Warfare 6:10-20
 - a. The Commands (10-11)

 - b. The Nature of the Conflict (12)

 - c. The Preparation for the Conflict (13)

 - d. The Elements of Spiritual Armor (14-20)

F. Conclusions (6:21-24)

- 1. Concerning Tyhicus (21-22)

- 2. Salutation (23-24)

New Testament Survey
PHILIPPIANS

Author: Paul

Date: AD 61 (Written from Rome during Paul's first imprisonment there)

Theme: Joy & Unity. Paul's heartfelt letter expressing joy in all circumstances, thankfulness, & encouragement to be unified in spirit, mind, purpose and love.

Misc. Philippi was a Roman colony & military outpost city located on the Macedonian coastal plain. During Paul's second missionary journey this was the first city in Europe in which Paul had a convert and started a church (AD 51). On Paul's third missionary journey he visited it again at least once, perhaps twice.

Brief Outline

- I. JOY IN SUFFERING.
- II. JOY IN SUBMISSION.
- III. JOY IN SPIRITUALITY
- IV. JOY IN SANCTIFICATION.

People to Know: Paul , Timothy, Epaphroditus

Key Chapters & Verses: (Bold required for Elders)

1:9-11.. "And this I pray, that your love may abound..."

1:21-24 "for me to live is Christ, & to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, ..."

1:27. . . "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; ..."

2:1-4.. . Unity & Humility

2:5-11.. "have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus..." (The Kenosis)

3:8. . . "...I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus..."

3:14. . . "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"

4:6-7.. . "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication . . ."

4:8-9.. . "Think on these things: true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtuous, praise worthy

4:10-13 Learning to be content -

Detailed Outline
PHILIPPIANS

I. JOY IN SUFFERING (Chapter 1)

A. Salutation (1-2)

B. Prayer of Thanksgiving (3-11)

C. Paul's Circumstances of Suffering (12-26)

1. The Result of Paul's Imprisonment (12-17)

a. Greater Progress of the Gospel (12-13)

b. Greater Boldness in Speaking the Word of God (14-17)

2. Paul's Response to His Suffering (18-26)

D. Paul's Exhortation to The Philippians (27-30)

1. Conduct Worthy of the Gospel (27-28)

a. Standing Firm in Unity (27)

b. Prepared for Opposition (28)

2. Their Future Suffering (29-30)

a. Granted for Christ's Sake (29)

b. Seen in Paul (30)

II. JOY IN SUBMISSION. (Chapter 2)

A. Their Submission to One Another (1-4)

1. Unity (1-2)

2. Humility (3-4)

B. The Submission of Christ (5-11)

1. His Example (5)

2. His Past Position (6)

3. His Present Position (7-8)

4. His Future Position (9-11)

C. Their Submission to God (12-18)

1. Their Responsibilities (12-13)

- a. Their Work (12)
- b. God's Work (13)
- 2. Their Attitudes (14-15)
- 3. Their Actions (16-18)
- D. The Submission of Timothy & Epaphroditus (19-30)
 - 1. Timothy (19-24)
 - 2. Epaphroditus (25-30)

III. JOY IN SPIRITUALITY (Chapter 3)

- A. Warnings Against Confidence in the Flesh (1-16)
 - 1. The Danger of the Judaizers (1-3)
 - 2. Paul's Former Confidence in the Flesh (4-6)
 - 3. Paul's Current Confidence in Christ (7-11)
 - 4. Pressing on for the Prize (12-16)
- B. Walking After Paul's Example (17-21)
 - 1. His Exhortation (17)
 - 2. His Warning (18-19)
 - 3. His Hope (20-21)

IV. JOY IN SANCTIFICATION. (Chapter 4)

- A. Sanctified Relationships (1-3)

B. Sanctified Attitudes (4-7)

1. Rejoicing (4)

2. Forbearing (5)

3. Peacefulness through Prayer (6-7)

C. Sanctified Minds (8-9)

1. What to Think About (8)

2. The Example of Paul (9)

D. Sanctified Response (10-20)

1. Paul's Contentment in All Circumstances (10-13)

2. Paul's Commendation of the Philippians (14-18)

3. Paul's Confidence in God (19)

E. Greetings & Salutation (21-23)