

Galatians & Ephesians

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure of Galatians

GALATIANS

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

9

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

6

TYPE

EPISTLE, PAULINE



OVERVIEW

During his third mission journey, Paul wrote to the Galatians, who had circled the idea that in order for the Gentiles to be saved they needed to follow Jewish laws. He was concerned that this was confusing the people and putting an unnecessary burden on them. He wrote emphasizing the freedom from sin through Jesus Christ and the spiritual bondage or "yoke" of the Law of Moses.



WRITTEN
49-50 AD



TIME PERIOD COVERED
All Eras in the Age of
Grace



AUTHOR
Apostle Paul

Key Verse of Galatians

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

Background of Galatians

Name: The name is derived from those living in the Roman province of Galatia.

Time: Paul probably wrote to them from Antioch after his first missionary journey around AD 49.

Outline of Galatians

Personal Words from Paul (Chapters 1-2)

No Other Gospel (Galatians 1:8-9)

The Real Gospel (Galatians 1:11-12; 2:4-5)

Legalism's Destruction (Galatians 2:11-14)

Doctrinal Teachings (Chapters 3-4)

Justified by Faith (Galatians 3:23-29)

A Plea (Galatians 4:10-11; 4:17)

True Children of Abraham (Galatians 4:21-31)

Practical Exhortations (Chapters 5-6)

Paul makes a defense.

He defends his authority as an apostle.

Paul defends the doctrine of justification by faith.

Paul warns about the Judaizers (Galatians 5:7-9).

Paul lists several ways the Galatians were to show examples of their faith in Christ:

Love and serve one another (Galatians 5:13-14)

Display true Christlike character (Galatians 5:22-23)

Approach and restore those overtaken by sin (Galatians 6:1)

Help with others' spiritual struggles (Galatians 6:2)

Be responsible for bearing his own load as he is able (Galatians 6:5)

Financially support those who give spiritual instruction (Galatians 6:6)

Do good to all people, especially those within the church (Galatians 6:7-10)

Boast only in the cross of Christ (Galatians 6:14-15).

Summary & Structure of Ephesians

EPHESIANS

ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

10

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

6

TYPE

EPISTLE, PAULINE



OVERVIEW

Paul wrote this letter while imprisoned in Rome to encourage the Ephesians. He was under house arrest, but was allowed visitors and to teach the gospel. The Ephesians were important because the city of Ephesus had become a natural center for the church, due to its location and commercial success. Paul had spent two years in Ephesus establishing the church, but then had to depart due to a disturbance with the silversmiths. Their business, which included making idols, had suffered due to many people converting to Christianity. His epistle has universal application and was written to help converts grow in their spirituality and commitment to the church.



WRITTEN
60-62 AD



TIME PERIOD COVERED
All Eras in the Age of
Grace



AUTHOR
Apostle Paul

Key Verse of Ephesians

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Ephesians 4:1

Background of Ephesians

The City: Ephesus was one of the great cities of Asia Minor, a Roman capital, a center for the worship of Diana, and a wealthy commercial center.

The Church: Paul paid a brief visit to Ephesus on his second missionary journey. On his third journey, Paul remained in Ephesus for 3 years.

The Letter: Paul wrote this letter from prison in Rome. It was likely circulated among many churches in Asia Minor.

Outline of Ephesians

Doctrine: Our Position in Christ (Chapters 1-3)

What Christ has done FOR us (Ephesians 1). Emphasis: Sovereignty

We have been chosen before creation to be holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:4).

We have been adopted as God's children (Ephesians 1:5).

We have been redeemed (Ephesians 1:7).

We have been forgiven our sins (Ephesians 1:7).

We have been made to know God's eternal plan (Ephesians 1:9-10).

We have obtained an inheritance (Ephesians 1:11).

We have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, guaranteeing our inheritance (Ephesians 1:13-14).

What Christ has done IN us (Ephesians 2:1-10). Emphasis: Grace

What Christ has done BETWEEN us (Ephesians 2:11-3:21). Emphasis: Reconciliation

Duty: Our Practice on Earth (Chapters 4-6)

Our new unity (Ephesians 4:1-16)

Our new walk (Ephesians 4:17-6:9)

Our thinking must change (Ephesians 4:17-24).

Our speech must change (Ephesians 4:25-29).

Our attitude and reactions must improve (Ephesians 4:30-5:2).

Our morality must be better than the world's (Ephesians 5:3-14).

Our focus on opportunities must change (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Our relationships must exemplify our submissiveness to Christ (Ephesians 5:21-6:9).

Our new strength (Ephesians 6:10-20)

Conclusion: (Ephesians 6:21-24)

Lessons/Applications

It is very easy to _____ from the truth. (Galatians 1:6)

Christians are to guard against _____. (Galatians 5:1)

Christians are to guard against _____. (Ephesians 5:8)