

GALATIANS RESOURCES



-Dr. Robert Thompson's* [Comprehensive Galatians Study](#) - Free!

The following resource is included here for reference purposes during this study, even though it is designed for long term studies. This work-in-progress is a large volume including hundreds of pages. Trust us when we say that this book will likely treat any biblical subject which comes to your mind when studying Galatians. Because this is a work-in-progress we ask that you do *not* re-distribute it without checking with the author (who just happens to be Jim Steel's son-in-law) for the latest iteration of the material. **Technical stuff:** *To benefit, find the Table of Contents, locate the page number you desire and do a simple search (CTRL F in Windows or CMD F on Mac). Alternately, you can use a PDF reader which allows you to use the Table of Contents and then "jump" to your desired page*

number (Most PDF readers do).

Recommended: Download the [Galatians Comprehensive Study Guide With Key](#).

For classroom: Download the [Galatians Comprehensive Workbook](#).

We also strongly recommend, of course, Pastor Senn's [Gathering in Galatians](#). For availability, please check with the TriCity Baptist Church bookstore or office (office@tricitybaptist.org).

Welcome to GALATIANS

Six power packed chapters.

**In Chapters 1 & 2
CHRIST'S GOSPEL IS GENUINE!**

**In Chapters 3 & 4
CHRIST'S GOSPEL IS SUPERIOR!**

**In Chapters 5 & 6
CHRIST'S GOSPEL IS LIBERATING!**

The Gospel is Genuine as to
its Nature
Chapter 2

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Ends *Flesh* Bondage
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Chapter 5

Today's Focus Area

Today's Goal:

We want to finish chapter one *next week*, but first, we want to drill a bit deeper on a few important words and phrases.

We'll ask **four questions** today as we interact with these verses.

(Matthew 4:4)
 Don't be weary in *well-digging!*

A Roadmap for Galatians		
PERSONAL CHAPTERS 1-2 The Gospel is Authentic ...and Paul's apostleship is genuine.	Gal 1:1-24 The Gospel Is Genuine As To Its Origin 2.	Paul's Apostleship 1-5 Paul's Stand Against Apostates 6-12 Paul's Former Position In Judealism 13-14 Paul's New Position In Christ 15-24
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Romans - the just Galatians - shall live Hebrews - by faith

So *where* is Galatia?

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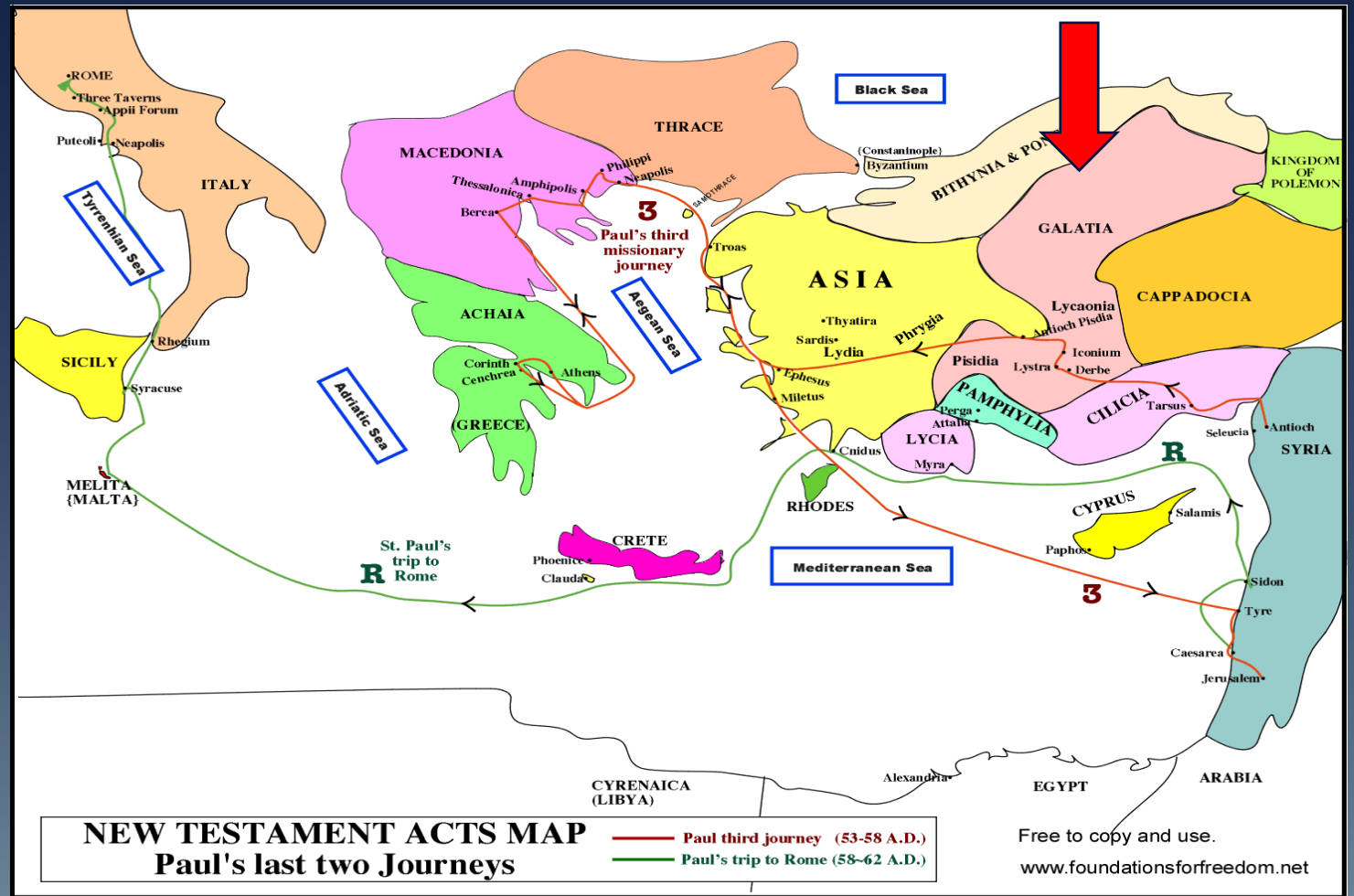
Question # 1
For Class Discussion



- Galatia is under the **Red Arrow**.
- Galatia can be seen in two ways: the first is the **ethnic** region (in the northern portion of the province) settled by the Gauls, and the second is the **Roman province** that included the cities and regions in the south of Antioch, Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe.
- Paul visited the Roman province of Galatia, located on the peninsula of Asia Minor, near the Mediterranean Sea, during his missionary journeys.

Where do we find GALATIA?

In any case, Paul had a long history with these folks.



So, what's the deal with the word “for?”

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Jesus Christ, 4 Who gave himself **for** our sins, that he might

deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Question # 2
For Class Discussion



BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

A SURPRISING NUMBER OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION HAS

NO REAL PROBLEM

WITH THE IDEA THAT CHRIST DIED FOR THE SINS OF MEN.

HUH? YUP!

BUT ONLY A MINUTE NUMBER BELIEVE THAT CHRIST

LITERALLY DIED

IN THEIR PLACE.



We are talking about the biblical teaching called substitution.

Q. When Christ died *for* your sins, did He die on your behalf or did He die in your place?

A. Both! However, it is especially important to understand that the Greek word for “for” in this verse means Christ died IN YOUR PLACE!

PLEASE PROVE IT, JIM!



No Matter Where We Search...

When we begin searching out all the Bible's words and terms which relate to our salvation, they all return to the same starting point. They ALL connect back to the Old Testament

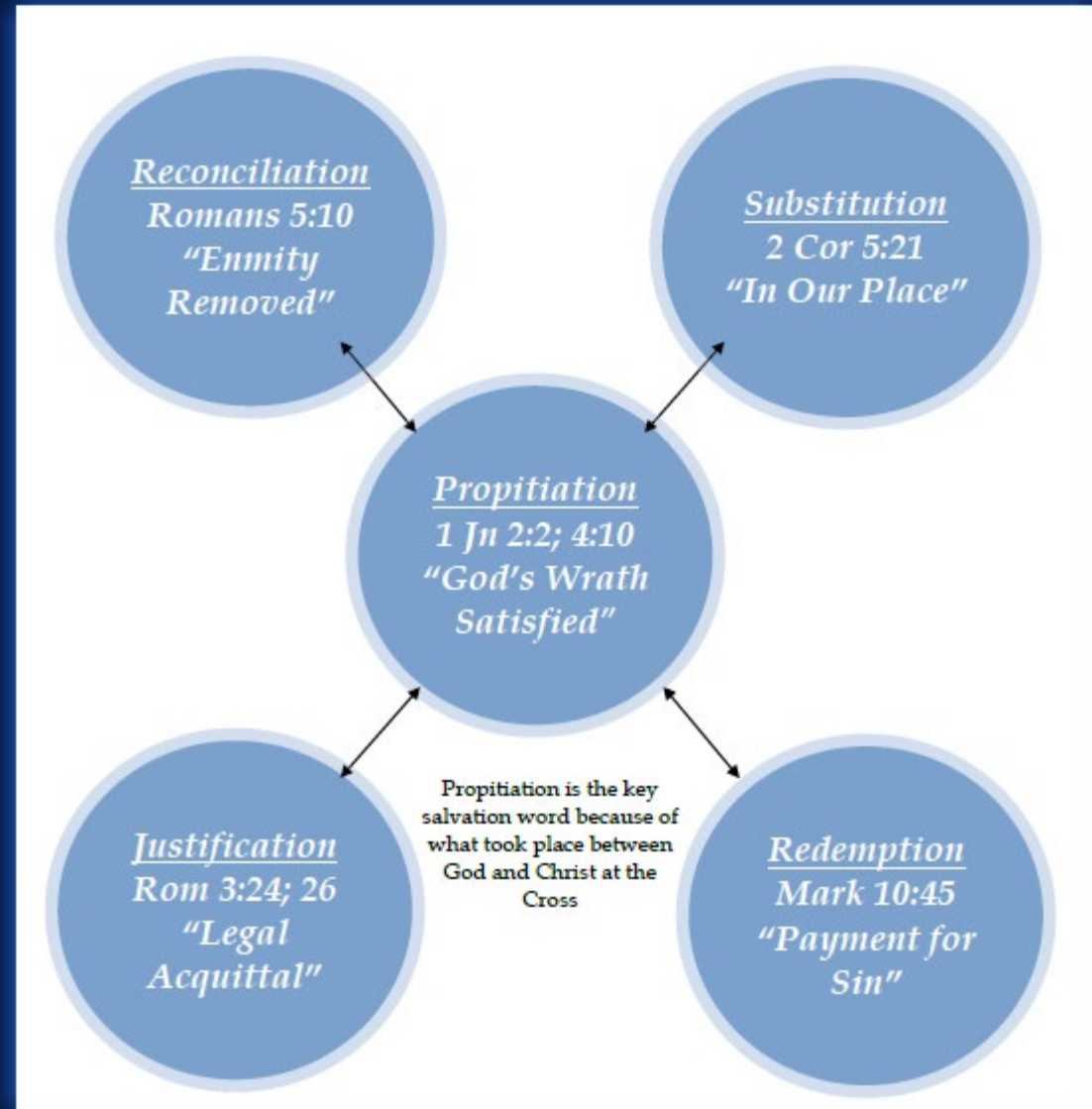
sacrifices.

Those sacrifices ALL teach the same message: One day the LAMB OF GOD would come and die in our place! That's substitution!



For tons of references see Thompson, Pages 29-32

Look at any "salvation" word in your Bible...



You **MUST BELIEVE** Christ died *in your place* !

Compare 2 Corinthians 5:21 With verses such as Leviticus 4:24, John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:19



For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

How substitution works:



- God imputed our iniquity to the Lord Jesus Christ who, as the spotless lamb of God, became our sacrifice (that's substitution). John 1:29
- When we believe Christ, we are placed into Christ. 1 Cor. 12:2-13
- As such we were crucified and raised again with Christ! Romans 6:1-11

That, dear friend, is the essence of salvation in a nutshell.

What about being “delivered?”

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Jesus Christ, 4 Who gave himself **for** our sins, that he might

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according to the will of God and our Father:

Now, the word *salvation* essentially connotes **deliverance** in its core meaning.

But wait, Paul intends us to sense even more when he uses the word for **delivered** in this verse!

Question # 3
For Class Discussion



What about being “delivered?” Continued

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The original word for **deliver** in this verse is: **exaireo**.

- It means to set free, to rescue, or deliver, but it also carries the idea of someone being *seized out of something*. This is full out rescue!
- Now, there is some irony here. Why would someone who has been rescued want to return to bondage? Paul will be dealing with that in just a sec...
- But first, look at the phrase:



What does it mean to be delivered *from this present evil world*?

The word *from* is “ek” and means **out of**.  The word *world* means eon or **age**.
The word *evil* here doesn't just mean “bad”, it means **perniciously and aggressively evil**.

SO, HERE'S THE DEAL :

- *In the past, we were delivered or seized from this age when we were justified. (This passage)*
- *In the present, we are being delivered or seized from Satan's power in this evil age & culture which is under his growing control. So, don't be a Demas! (Phil. 2:15,16, 2 Timothy 4:10)*
- *In the future (maybe today) we will be delivered and seized up (harpazo) out of this present evil age at the rapture. (1 Thess. 4:17, Titus 2:12,13)*

Galatians 1:6,7

NOW, WE HAVE ONE MORE
MATTER.



ABC

Focus POINT:

The Gospel



I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto **another** gospel: Which is **not another**; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. Gal. 4:6,7

**When have we actually
removed ourselves unto
“another gospel?”**

**Question # 4
For Class Discussion**



Paul has already made the true gospel clear to these Galatians in his opening statements.

- ❑ He has already spoken of Jesus Christ, His resurrection and His substitutionary sacrifice.
- ❑ He has already told us that the Father purposed all of this.
- ❑ The **FACTS** of the Gospel as we know it and confess it today were *not in question among the Galatians*.



Inconvenient **FACT # 1**

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE CAN BE PERVERTED!

6. I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto **another** gospel:

HETEROS

Another of a different kind.

7. Which is **not another**; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

ALLOS

Another of the same kind.

This may be another gospel, but it is not the same kind!

Folks! If it is a different kind of gospel it is not the true gospel!

Inconvenient **FACT # 2**

GOSPEL PERVERTERS REMOVE THEMSELVES FROM GOD

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 1 Peter 4:17,18

6. I marvel that ye are so soon removed from **him** that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

So, who exactly were these guys? We know they were judaizers in general, but:

- **Were these true *Christians* who departed from grace?**
- **Were these *apostates* who had merely come up to the gospel before rejecting it?**

Paul does not even address that question here. He simply says we are to treat anyone who perverts the gospel of Christ as being accursed! Period!



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Inconvenient **FACT # 3**

WE PERVERT THE GOSPEL WHEN WE ADD TO OR REDUCE ITS REQUIREMENTS. PERIOD!

Remember! No one in Galatia had disputed the *facts* of the gospel.

Millions around us agree with the facts of the gospel but they have perverted it by *adding* their own requirements.

Example: When Augustine made sacramental participation and membership in the mother church a requirement for the gospel he perverted it.

Example: When we mix the gospel of grace with the gospel of the Kingdom, we create another gospel *of a different kind*.

When your friends add any requirement or work to the gospel, they are no longer your friends. They are beloved enemies.

Inconvenient **FACT # 4**

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Are we living in a glass house?



EVANGELICALS WHO ARE SOMETIMES WILLING TO NAME DISTANT CULTISTS...

REMAIN STRANGELY SILENT AND UNWILLING TO NAME THEIR OWN WHO PERVERT THE GOSPEL.

Are your young people today who are flocking to a host of popular teachers and leaders who are perverting the clear gospel of Jesus Christ...worth the risk??

It is not enough to teach *principles* of discernment. It is wrong and sinful not to **name and treat as accursed** those who pervert the clear gospel of Jesus Christ.

School's Out!



So, Did You Pay Attention in Class?

- 1. Where is Galatia?** Jim thinks Paul's multiple contacts with the Galatians were probably in the southern Roman province.
- 2. Why is the word "for" important in verse 4?** It teaches us the underlying principle of salvation – substitution. Christ died in our place, not just for us!
- 3. What does it mean to be delivered from this present evil age?** In the *past* it speaks to our rescue from sin, our justification. In the *present* it speaks to our divine protection as we endure this age. In the *future* we will be seized up and raptured from this evil age. Brace yourself!!
- 4. When and how do we actually remove ourselves from the gospel?** Any time we add requirements to it or take away from it. When we do this we are teaching a different kind of gospel and we are seen as accursed.



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