

# GALATIANS

Gal. 1:1 Paul, an apostle, not from the ultimate source of men [not by human selection, as was Matthias] nor through the intermediate agency of man [not by apostolic succession], but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, Who raised Him [resurrection] out from among the dead ones,

Gal. 1:2 And all the brethren who are together with me [nobody they would know by name], to the assemblies of Galatia:

Gal. 1:3 Grace [no human merit or legalism] to you and prosperity [blessings from experiential sanctification] from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Gal. 1:4 Who gave Himself [voluntarily and obediently] as a substitute for our [His sheep] sins, so that He could rescue us [His elect] out from the present evil age [the end result is not in question] according to the sovereign will of our God and Father [not man's will],

Gal. 1:5 To Whom [Jesus Christ] *is* the glory from the ages [eternity past] unto the ages [eternity future]. Acknowledge it.

Gal. 1:6 I am amazed that you have so soon deserted [gone AWOL] from Him [God the Father] who called you [positionally and experientially] into the sphere of the grace of Christ unto another of a different kind of [altered, perverted] gospel [based on legalism],

Gal. 1:7 Which [false gospel] is not another of the same kind of *gospel* [based on grace alone], especially since there are some [legalists] who are making it a practice to mentally disturb you [constantly stirring up trouble] and who want to distort the gospel [good news] of Christ [by adding works to grace].

Gal. 1:8 In fact, even if we [one of the apostles] or a messenger from heaven [angel] preach a gospel to you contrary to [or alongside of as an addition] that [grace gospel which I have preached], let him be under the curse of God [severe divine discipline].

Gal. 1:9 As we warned before and now I say again [pay attention this time because this is a deadly serious matter]: If anyone preaches a gospel to you contrary to [or alongside of as an addition] that [grace gospel] which you have previously received [from me], let him be under the curse of God.

Gal. 1:10 Should I at this moment be trying to seek approval from men [conciliatory to their dictates] instead of God [adhering to divine viewpoint]? Or should I be constantly attempting to please men [striving to be politically correct]? If I was still trying to please men [as I used to do when I was enmeshed in Judaistic legalism], then I would no longer be living like a bondsman of Christ [but rather living as a slave to the dictates of men].

Gal. 1:11 Indeed, I am telling you, brethren, that the gospel which has been preached by me is not according to the norms and standards of man [human viewpoint],

Gal. 1:12 Because I myself did not receive it by the instrumentality of man [from Gamaliel or the Judaizers], nor was I taught *it* [along with the original Twelve], but by the direct revelation of Jesus Christ.

Gal. 1:13 Certainly [I'm sure] you have heard about my former manner of life in the Jewish religion [Judaism], that beyond measure [to the extreme] I continually persecuted the church of God [chased down its members individually] and tried to destroy it [kill Christians with bitter hostility],

Gal. 1:14 And I advanced [blazed a trail] in the Jewish religion [Judaism] above many contemporaries in my race [in my hatred for Christianity], being far more zealous [religious fanaticism] with reference to my ancestral traditions.

Gal. 1:15 Furthermore, when the appropriate time arrived, God exhibited His pleasure by appointing me [according to His plan] out from my mother's womb [human life begins at birth] and calling *me* by His grace,

Gal. 1:16 To reveal His Son in me [indwelling of Jesus Christ], so that I might preach the good news about Him among the Gentiles. Immediately I did not consult with flesh and blood [did not confer with any human being],

Gal. 1:17 Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Gal. 1:18 Then, after three years [in Arabia], I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas [Peter], and stayed face-to-face with him for fifteen days [not enough time to learn the entire realm of Christian doctrine].

Gal. 1:19 Moreover, I did not see any of the other apostles, except James, the brother of our Lord.

Gal. 1:20 Now the things I am writing to you, behold, in the presence of God [I swear] I am not lying.

Gal. 1:21 Next I went into the regions of Syria and Celicia,

Gal. 1:22 But I continued to exist unknown by appearance [lived an invisible life among them] to the assemblies of Judea in Christ.

Gal. 1:23 In fact, the only thing they heard from time-to-time [vague rumor] was that the one [Saul the Judaizer] who used to persecute them is now preaching the doctrine which he formerly tried to destroy.

Gal. 1:24 And they kept on glorifying God for me.

Gal. 2:1 Then, after fourteen years [living in the region around Syria and Celicia], I went again to Jerusalem, accompanied by Barnabas and having brought along Titus as a companion.

Gal. 2:2 So I went up according to a revelation [a sign of God's will], and I presented the gospel to them which I continue to preach to the Gentiles, but by means of a private conference to those [such as Peter, John and James] who are recognized as being experts in such spiritual matters, so that I would not in some way [while in Jerusalem] exert myself in vain [run up against unnecessary barriers] nor rush into things too quickly [catch the local church leaders by surprise].

Gal. 2:3 But not even Titus who *was* with me, although he was a Greek [Gentile], was compelled to be circumcised;

Gal. 2:4 For it [circumcision] was brought in under false pretenses by means of false brethren [those who pretend to be likeminded with us], who slipped in [through the back door] for the express purpose of

spying on our liberty [freedom] which we have in Christ Jesus, for the ultimate purpose of enslaving us [to their laws];

Gal. 2:5 To whom [false brethren] we did not yield [give in to their dirty tactics] for even an hour, so that the truth [doctrine] of the gospel might continue to abide with you.

Gal. 2:6 But concerning these [Jerusalem apostles] who seem to have a reputation [among you] – (whatever kind of importance they once possessed [as spiritual leaders in the Jewish community], it makes no difference [it doesn't really matter], they are nothing to me [I'm not impressed]; God accepts [defers to] no man's reputation [outward appearance]) - for those [legalistic brethren] who seem to have a reputation [among you] contributed nothing of value [spiritually] to me.

Gal. 2:7 But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel to the uncircumcision [Gentiles] had been entrusted *to me* just as Peter *was entrusted with* the circumcision [Jews] –

Gal. 2:8 Because He [God the Holy Spirit] who effectively operated through Peter with respect to his apostleship to the circumcision [Jews] also effectively operated through me with respect to the Gentiles –

Gal. 2:9 And when they came to understand [by listening to me preach] the grace which was given to me, James and Cephas [Peter] and John, who seemed to be recognized as pillars [of the church], gave to Barnabas and I the right hands of fellowship [shook hands with us, confirming our ministry], with the understanding that we *should minister* to the Gentiles and they *should minister* to the circumcision [Jews]  
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Gal. 2:10 Only [asking as a special request] that we might keep on remembering the poor [because of the famine in Judea], which [remembrance] I myself have indeed made a diligent effort to carry this out [kept my promise].

Gal. 2:11 However, when Cephas [Peter] came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face [stood my ground and resisted him], because he was guilty and stood condemned [of promoting legalism].

Gal. 2:12 For before certain ones [a delegation of Jewish believers] from James arrived, he made it a habit to eat with Gentile believers. But when they [the Jewish delegation] arrived, he began to withdraw [from the Gentile believers] and separated himself [from his former dining habits], because he was afraid of those [the legalistic delegation] from the circumcision [Jerusalem].

Gal. 2:13 In fact, the rest of the Jews joined in the hypocrisy with him, to the extent that even Barnabas [my grace-preaching companion] was carried away with their legalistic hypocrisy.

Gal. 2:14 But when I saw that they were not always advancing spiritually according to correct protocol face-to-face with the doctrinal reality of the gospel [of grace], I asked Cephas [Peter] in front of everyone: If you, being a Jew, are making it a practice to live like a non-Jew [like the rest of the Gentile world] and not according to Jewish customs, why are you compelling the Gentiles to live according to Jewish customs?

Gal. 2:15 We *who are* Jews by nature [Paul, Peter & Barnabas], and not sinners of Gentile origin,

Gal. 2:16 And knowing that a man is never justified out from the source of works through the law, but by the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, even we [Paul, Peter & Barnabas] placed our trust on Christ Jesus, in order that we might be justified out from the source of the faithfulness of Christ and not by works through the law, because by works through the law no flesh [human being] shall be justified.

Gal. 2:17 But if while we are seeking to be justified by Christ, we ourselves [as Jews] also were judged to be sinners [just like Gentiles], is Christ therefore an official minister of sin? May it not be true!

Gal. 2:18 For if I build up again that [the law and its works] which I have demolished, I make myself a transgressor [taking back the sins that Christ bore on the cross].

Gal. 2:19 For I through the law died to the law, in order that I might enter into life with God [experiential sanctification].

Gal. 2:20 I have been crucified together with Christ in the past with the result that I will keep on being crucified with Him forever [retroactive positional truth]. And I [as a Jew] no longer live [in the sphere of the law], but Christ keeps on living in the sphere of me [indwelling of Christ]. And that [life] which I am now [since the beginning of my Christian life] living in the flesh [my human body], I am living by means of the faithfulness of the Son of God [as opposed to my works through the law], Who loved me [in eternity past] and gave Himself as a substitute [in time] for me.

Gal. 2:21 I do not thwart [cancel, void] the grace of God. For if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain [for no purpose].

Gal. 3:1 Oh foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you? Jesus Christ, who *lived* before your very eyes, was publicly proclaimed [advertised] when He was crucified.

Gal. 3:2 I want to understand one thing from you: Did you receive the [indwelling of the] Spirit from the works of the law [obviously not, because as Gentiles they had never heard of the law] or from the message of the faith [the gospel message]?

Gal. 3:3 Are you that foolish? Having begun in the Spirit [entrance into the spiritual life], are you now trying to finish in the flesh [attain maturity by keeping the law]?

Gal. 3:4 Have you suffered so much [trials and tribulations for being a Christian] for no apparent reason? If, as a matter of fact, it appears to be - indeed [as hard as it is for me to believe it, it appears to be true], for no apparent reason.

Gal. 3:5 He [Jesus Christ], therefore, who graciously provided the Spirit to you [indwelling of the Spirit which begins at regeneration] and keeps on working in you with supernatural power [the filling of the Spirit empowers you for the spiritual life], *does He do this* through the works of the law or through the message of the faith [gospel message]?

Gal. 3:6 Just as [for example] Abraham trusted God [in what He promised], and it [trusting in the promise of God] was credited [imputed] to him for righteousness [forensic justification].

Gal. 3:7 You know, therefore, that those out from the source of [Christ's] faithfulness, these are sons of Abraham.

Gal. 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles out from the source of [Abraham's] faithfulness, proclaimed the good news in advance to Abraham: In you all peoples [including non-Jews] will be blessed.

Gal. 3:9 So then, those [Jews and Gentiles] out from the source of faithfulness are being blessed together with faithful Abraham.

Gal. 3:10 For as many as are out from the source of the works of the law are under the curse, for it stands written that: Cursed *is* everyone who does not persevere in [keep perfectly] all the things [not just a few commandments] which are written in the book of the law with the result of carrying them out [fulfilling them to the letter].

Gal. 3:11 Accordingly, no one is justified by means of the law in the sight of God, since *it is* clear [in Hab. 2:4] that: The Righteous One [immediate reference: Jesus Christ; remote reference: the individual believer in Christ] shall live out from the source of faithfulness.

Gal. 3:12 Furthermore, the law is not out from the source of faith, so the one who attempts to keep them [commandments of the law] must live in the sphere of them [under legal commandments as a principle of life rather than faith].

Gal. 3:13 Christ delivered us [Jewish believers] by the payment of a ransom from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us [on the cross], for it stands written: “Cursed *is* everyone who is hung upon a tree,”

Gal. 3:14 So that the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles in the sphere of Christ Jesus [positional relationship], so that as a result we [Jews & Gentiles] would receive the promise of the Spirit through [Christ’s] faithfulness.

Gal. 3:15 Brethren, I am going to elaborate with a human example. Although from the source of man [human contract], after a covenant is ratified, no one may declare it invalid or add further stipulations to it.

Gal. 3:16 Now the promises [of the unconditional covenant] were given to Abraham and to his Descendant [spiritual Seed]. He [God the Father] did not say: And to the descendants [plural: spiritual seeds], as to imply many, but as a reference to One [spiritual Descendant], namely your Descendant, who is Christ.

Gal. 3:17 Now let me elaborate on this [unconditional Abrahamic] covenant which was previously ratified by God. The law which came four hundred thirty years later did not cancel *it* with the result that it invalidated the promise.

Gal. 3:18 For if the inheritance *is* out from the source of the law, *it is* no longer out from the source of the promise [mutually exclusive spiritual principles]. However, God graciously provided *it* [the inheritance] to Abraham through the promise.

Gal. 3:19 What then *is the purpose of* the law? It was brought in alongside of for the sake of transgressions (until the Descendant should come to Whom the promise was made), directed by angels into the hand of a mediator [Moses].

Gal. 3:20 Now a mediator [angels and Moses as mediators of the law] is not our from one and the same essence, but God [Jesus Christ as the superior mediator of the promise] is out from One and the same essence.

Gal. 3:21 *Is* therefore the law against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given which had the power to give life [justification], then indeed righteousness could have come out from the source of the law.

Gal. 3:22 But the scripture [as a jailer] has imprisoned everyone under sin, so that the promise out from the source of the faithfulness of Jesus Christ might be given to those who will believe [the elect].

Gal. 3:23 Moreover, before the faith [as a power field or domain unique to Christianity] came, we [Jews] were held in custody under the law, shut up in prison from the faithfulness [of Jesus Christ] which was destined afterwards [at the incarnation] to be revealed.

Gal. 3:24 Therefore, the law became our [Jews] repressive taskmaster until Christ, in order that we might be justified out from the source of [Christ's] faithfulness.

Gal. 3:25 But since this faithfulness was demonstrated publicly [Jesus Christ on the cross], we [Jews] are no longer under a repressive taskmaster.

Gal. 3:26 For in Christ Jesus [positional truth] you [both Jew and Gentile believers] are all sons of God, through [the principle of] faith.

Gal. 3:27 For as many as were placed into union with Christ [positional truth] have put on Christ.

Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek [no racial distinctions]; there is neither slave nor free man [no distinction in rank]; there is neither male nor female [no sexual bias]: for you are all one in Christ Jesus [members of one body, the Church].

Gal. 3:29 And since you [Gentiles] are Christ's, then *you are* Abraham's [spiritual] descendants, heirs according to the [unconditional] promise.

Gal. 4:1 Now I say: As long as an heir remains an infant [spiritually immature], he is in no way different from a slave [spiritually in chains], although he is lord [positionally] over all [his inheritance is just sitting there waiting for him to grow up],

Gal. 4:2 But remains under slave-guardians and trustees until the time [adult son placing] appointed by his father [adoption].

Gal. 4:3 In this manner, we [Jews] also, when we were infants [spiritual babes], were in a state of permanent bondage under the control of the basic precepts [fundamentals of the Mosaic Law] of the world [Jewish system].

Gal. 4:4 But when the fullness of time arrived [the precise moment in God's plan], God sent forth His Son [Jesus Christ] on a specific mission [to redeem Jews from the law, adopt Gentiles, and give both the Holy Spirit as sons], born out from a woman [emphasis on His humanity], established under the authority of the law [so He could fulfill the requirements of the legal dispensation],

Gal. 4:5 In order that He might redeem those [Jews] under the authority of the law, in order that we [Gentiles] might receive the adoption,

Gal. 4:6 And because you [both Jew and Gentile believers] are [positionally] sons [redeemed Jewish sons and adopted Gentile sons], God [the Father] has sent forth the Spirit [Holy Spirit] of His Son [Jesus Christ] on a specific mission [to assist you in living the super-abounding grace life] into the mentality of your souls, calling out inaudibly on a continual basis: Oh Father, my Father.

Gal. 4:7 Therefore, you [Gentile believers] are no longer a slave, but a son, and since *you are* a son, *you are* also an heir through God.

Gal. 4:8 Indeed, during the time when you [Gentiles] did not know God [as unbelievers], you served as slaves those [demonic entities behind idols] which by their very nature and essence were not gods.

Gal. 4:9 But now, after you have come to know God [human response], or rather [correcting himself in mid-sentence] being known by God [sovereign initiative], how is it possible that you are turning once more to weak [having no power to transform anyone] and beggarly [bringing no rich endowment of spiritual blessings] elements [precepts of the law], with reference to which [turning from God], for some time now, you seem increasingly desirous to be enslaved again?

Gal. 4:10 You are making it a practice to carefully observe special purpose days [Sabbaths, legislated days off] and monthly festivals [feasts & celebrations] and favorable periods of time [sabbaticals] and other certain days of the year [jubilees, personal holidays].

Gal. 4:11 I am afraid about you, that perhaps I have labored to the point of exhaustion for you [studying and teaching] in vain [I feel like I have wasted my time on you].

Gal. 4:12 Brethren, I beseech you: Keep on being [free from the bondage of the law] like me, since I also *became* like you [by giving up the law to be like Gentiles]. You have done nothing harmful to me [you are only hurting yourself by adhering to the law].

Gal. 4:13 Now you know that because of a sickness of the flesh [perhaps a common eye disease called ophthalmia] I preached the gospel to you during my first visit [I was headed for Asia Minor but my infirmity kept me in Galatia for a while].

Gal. 4:14 Moreover, against [contrary to] your natural inclination, you did not reject with contempt nor despise *me* in my flesh [because of my outward appearance], but welcomed me as a supernatural messenger [thinking he was Hermes or an angel], as you would Christ Jesus.

Gal. 4:15 Where *is* your generous condition now? For I stand as a witness that if possible [though it obviously wasn't], after plucking them out, you would have given me your eyes.

Gal. 4:16 Because I speak the truth to you, for this reason, have I become your enemy?

Gal. 4:17 They [Judaizers] are filled with zeal courting you, but not honestly [just wait until the honeymoon is over], desiring to isolate you [from the doctrines of grace] so that you might be increasingly zealous towards them [without grace you would have nowhere else to go but to legalistic teachers].

Gal. 4:18 Now *it is* good to be zealously courted in a good thing at all times [as long as you are hearing the truth], and not only in it [correct doctrine] when I am present face-to-face with you.

Gal. 4:19 My children, I am suffering birth pangs for you again, until Christ has been formed in you [part of the stage of Christian growth called spiritual self-esteem].

Gal. 4:20 Moreover, I wish that I was present face-to-face with you at this very moment so I could change the tone of my voice [from a severe rebuke to a friendly greeting], because I am at a loss about you.

Gal. 4:21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear [truly understand the ramifications of] the law?

Gal. 4:22 For it stands written: Abraham had two sons, one out from a slave girl [his wife's maidservant, Hagar, representing legalism] and one out from a free woman [his wife, Sarah, representing grace].

Gal. 4:23 Moreover, on the one hand, this one [Ishmael] was born [in ordinary circumstances] out from a slave girl [Hagar] according to the flesh [works]; on the other hand, this one [Isaac] *was born* [supernaturally after his mother's 90th birthday] out from a free woman [Sarah] through the promise [grace],

Gal. 4:24 Which class of things [historically] are spoken symbolically, for these [two women: Sarah & Hagar] represent two covenants. On the one hand, one *is* from Mount Sinai [outside the land], which keeps on giving birth to bondage [slavery], which is classified as Hagar [the law].

Gal. 4:25 Now this Hagar represents Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to the current [earthly] Jerusalem, for it is in slavery [to the law and Rome] with her children [all believers who place themselves under the law].

Gal. 4:26 But the Jerusalem which *is* above [the heavenly church] is free [under grace], which is our mother [city].

Gal. 4:27 For it stands written [in Isaiah 54:1]: Receive inner happiness, O infertile one [Sarah] who is not giving birth. Break forth and cry out loud, you [Sarah] who have not travailed in labor [like Hagar under the law]. Because the descendants [Jew & Gentile believers] from the abandoned one [Sarah thought she had been abandoned by the Lord because she had no child] *will be* more numerous than from the one [Hagar] who brought forth this man [Ishmael].

Gal. 4:28 Now you, brethren, are the children of promise according to the standard of Isaac [grace principle].

Gal. 4:29 But just as when [during the dispensation of promise] he who was born according to the flesh [Ishmael representing the legalistic believer] constantly persecuted he *who was born* according to the Spirit [Isaac representing the grace-oriented believer], even now [during the Church Age dispensation] *it continues* in the same manner.

Gal. 4:30 But what does the Scripture [Gen. 21:10] say? Cast out the slave girl [legalism] and her son [works of the flesh], for the son of the slave girl [works of the law] can certainly not [mutually exclusive] be an heir with the son of the freewoman [grace mechanics].

Gal. 4:31 Therefore, brethren [members of the royal family], we are not children of the slave girl [legalism], but of the freewoman [grace].

Gal. 5:1 Therefore, keep on standing firm and holding fast to the liberty [grace] with which Christ set you free, and stop being loaded down again with a yoke of bondage [the straight-jacket of the law].

Gal. 5:2 Behold, I, Paul, am telling you, that if you are being circumcised [as a step for salvation], Christ will be of benefit to you in not one thing [in no way].

Gal. 5:3 And I solemnly affirm again to every man who receives circumcision [as a step to salvation], that he is under obligation [as a debtor] to accomplish [carry out] the entire law.

Gal. 5:4 Apart from Christ you [legalistic, reversionistic believers] have become useless [ineffective in the spiritual life], those of you who are trying to be pronounced righteous [experiential sanctification] in



the sphere of the law; you [legalistic believers] have drifted off course from grace [the mechanics of the super-abounding grace spiritual life].

Gal. 5:5 But we [grace-oriented believers], through the Spirit [walking by the Spirit as opposed to keeping the law], are eagerly awaiting [for our resurrection bodies] with confidence for righteousness [experiential sanctification leading to ultimate sanctification] out from the source of faithfulness [as opposed to works of the flesh].

Gal. 5:6 For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision [rituals are irrelevant] have any inherent power, but rather faithfulness [in executing the precisely correct protocol plan of God for the spiritual life] which is empowered by means of virtue love.

Gal. 5:7 You were making great progress [rapidly advancing in the spiritual life]. Who detained you [cut you out of your lane] so that you stopped obeying the truth [following precisely correct spiritual protocol]?

Gal. 5:8 This [legalistic] persuasion did not *come* from the One [God the Father] who called [elected] you.

Gal. 5:9 A little leaven [legalism] will always permeate [corrupt] the whole lump of dough [the spiritual life of the believer].

Gal. 5:10 I have confidence in the Lord with respect to you [Galatian believers], that in no way will you form a different [contrary to grace] opinion. But the one [legalist] who continues to trouble and confuse you [with false doctrine] will bear his own judgment [pay the penalty which the law demands], whoever he is.

Gal. 5:11 And I, brethren, if I am still preaching circumcision [but I'm not], why am I still being persecuted? For then the offense that causes revulsion with reference to the cross [the gospel message about Jesus Christ] would be brought to an end [nobody is offended by the teaching of circumcision].

Gal. 5:12 I wish they [the legalists] who are constantly troubling you [about circumcision] would castrate themselves [as the logical outcome of or next step in their doctrine].

Gal. 5:13 But as for you, brethren, you were called to freedom [liberty]. Only *do* not *turn* your freedom into an occasion [base of operations] for the flesh, but keep on serving one another by means of virtue love.

Gal. 5:14 For the entire law stands fulfilled in this one principle: Keep on exercising impersonal love [maintaining a relaxed mental attitude in the filling of the Spirit] towards your neighbor [fellow human being] as *you do* yourself.

Gal. 5:15 But if you keep on biting [cosmic I: arrogance complex of sins] and devouring [cosmic II: hatred complex of sins] one another of the same kind [fellow believers], be careful [beware] not to be consumed [eaten alive] by one another of the same kind.

Gal. 5:16 Now I say: Keep on walking by the Spirit and you will not execute the desire of the flesh [sin nature].

Gal. 5:17 For the flesh [sin nature] desires to oppose the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, because these [two opposing spheres of operation] are constantly opposed to one another, so that you cannot keep on executing those things [divine protocol] that you desire.

Gal. 5:18 But if you are being led by the Spirit [grace mechanics], you are not under the law [legalism has no hold on you].

Gal. 5:19 Now the works [production] of the flesh [sin nature, cosmic system] are well-known, which are, for example: sexual activity outside of marriage, sensual impurity [stopping just short of sex], debauchery [wanton behavior, acknowledging no restraints],

Gal. 5:20 Idolatry [worship of anything in place of God], witchcraft [drug addiction & sorcery], hostilities [all kinds], quarrels [discord], jealousy [party strife], outbursts of anger [rage], inordinate ambition [strife], dissensions [conspiracies], schisms [heretical sects],

Gal. 5:21 Envyings [lust of the eyes], drunkenness, riotous parties [carousing], and other things of a similar nature [works of the flesh], concerning which I am warning you in advance [at this very moment] just as I have warned *you* before [when I was last with you in person], that they who engage in such things [practice without any inner restraint] will not inherit [share in] the royal power [kingdom] of God.

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit [production] of the Spirit is virtue love, inner happiness, spiritual prosperity [relaxed mental attitude], longsuffering [stability of temper], gentleness [generosity], kindness [grace-oriented behavior], faithfulness [doctrinal confidence],

Gal. 5:23 Genuine humility [grace-oriented thinking], self-control [discipline]. The law [precepts] is not in opposition to such things [doctrinal principles].

Gal. 5:24 Moreover, those who belong to Christ Jesus [retroactive positional truth] have crucified the flesh [sin nature] once and for all together with its sufferings and defiling lusts.

Gal. 5:25 If we continue to live by means of the Spirit [residence in the sphere of royal power], we should also keep on walking [according to precisely correct protocol] by means of the Spirit [function in the sphere of royal power].

Gal. 5:26 Let us not be conceited [legalistic pride], provoking [challenging] one another of the same kind [fellow believers], envying [being jealous of] one another of the same kind [fellow believers].

Gal. 6:1 Brethren [members of the royal family], if a man is surprised and overtaken by a particular [any will do as an example] transgression [personal weakness], you who *are* spiritual [spiritually mature] restore such a person [encourage him to confess his sin] by means of a spirit of genuine humility [grace-orientation, poise, dignity], keeping your eyes on yourself so that you are not also tempted to sin [placing you out of fellowship along with the person you are trying to help].

Gal. 6:2 Keep on bearing patiently one another's burdens [listening to the important issues of other believer's lives], and in this manner you will fulfill the mandate of Christ [to reside in the love complex and function in virtue love].

Gal. 6:3 For if anyone thinks [self-evaluation] that he is someone important [a spiritual giant], when he is a nobody, he is deceiving himself [arrogant self-deception].

Gal. 6:4 But let each person put his own [spiritual] production to the test for the purpose of approval [self-examination according to divine standards], and then he will have grounds for personal satisfaction and inner happiness with respect to himself alone [his success in the spiritual life in the privacy of his priesthood is his own responsibility], and not with respect to another [comparing his successes and failures to another person's life].

Gal. 6:5 For each person [believers only] will endure the evaluation of his own private spiritual production [is responsible for his own achievements and failures in the spiritual life at the Evaluation Seat of Christ].

Gal. 6:6 Therefore, let the one [student] who is repeatedly being taught the Word [Bible doctrine] keep on sharing in the spiritual protocol *by listening to* the one [pastor or teacher] who is continually teaching in the sphere of all [the whole realm of doctrine] good things [the entire Bible, verse-by-verse].

Gal. 6:7 Stop being deceived. God is not being outwitted [fooled by your contempt and evasion]. For whatever [good or bad decisions] a man sows, that [result] he will also harvest;

Gal. 6:8 Because the one [carnal, reversionistic believer] who makes it a habit to sow according to his own flesh [sin nature], shall harvest corruption [depravity] from the flesh. But the one [believer with positive momentum] who makes it a habit to sow according to the Spirit [filling], shall harvest eternal life [blessings and rewards in both time and eternity] from the Spirit.

Gal. 6:9 Moreover, let us not become discouraged [tired of criticism from others] from doing good things, for at the appointed time [Judgment Seat of Christ] we shall reap our own personal harvest [blessings and rewards] if we do not lose heart and become weary [apathetic about the Christian life].

Gal. 6:10 Since, therefore, we possess the same opportunity [to live the Christian life as the Galatian believers did], let us keep on producing good things [functioning in the filling of the Spirit] towards everyone, but especially face-to-face with those belonging to the household of the faith [members of the royal family].

Gal. 6:11 Look at what large letters I have written to you with my own hand [in spite of my handicap].

Gal. 6:12 As many [Judaizers] as desire to make a good impression in the flesh, these same ones will keep on pressuring you to be circumcised, only [for the sole purpose] so that they will not be persecuted for being associated with the cross of Christ,

Gal. 6:13 For not even they [the Judaizers] who are circumcised continually keep the law themselves, but they desire you to be circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh [point to their lack of foreskins as a sign of their power to influence other believers].

Gal. 6:14 But as for me, may it never happen that I should boast [glory] except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world system stands crucified unto me, and me unto the world system.

Gal. 6:15 For neither circumcision [Jews] nor uncircumcision [Gentiles] means anything [completely irrelevant in the Church Age dispensation], but rather a new creation.

Gal. 6:16 Moreover, as many as [all believers] follow this protocol plan [principles for living during the Church Age] in a precisely correct fashion [according to grace mechanics with no unwarranted intrusion of the law]: spiritual prosperity and mercy upon them [Gentile believers] and upon the Israel of God [Jewish believers].

Gal. 6:17 From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear in my body the marks [scars] of Jesus.

Gal. 6:18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your [human] spirit. Acknowledge it.