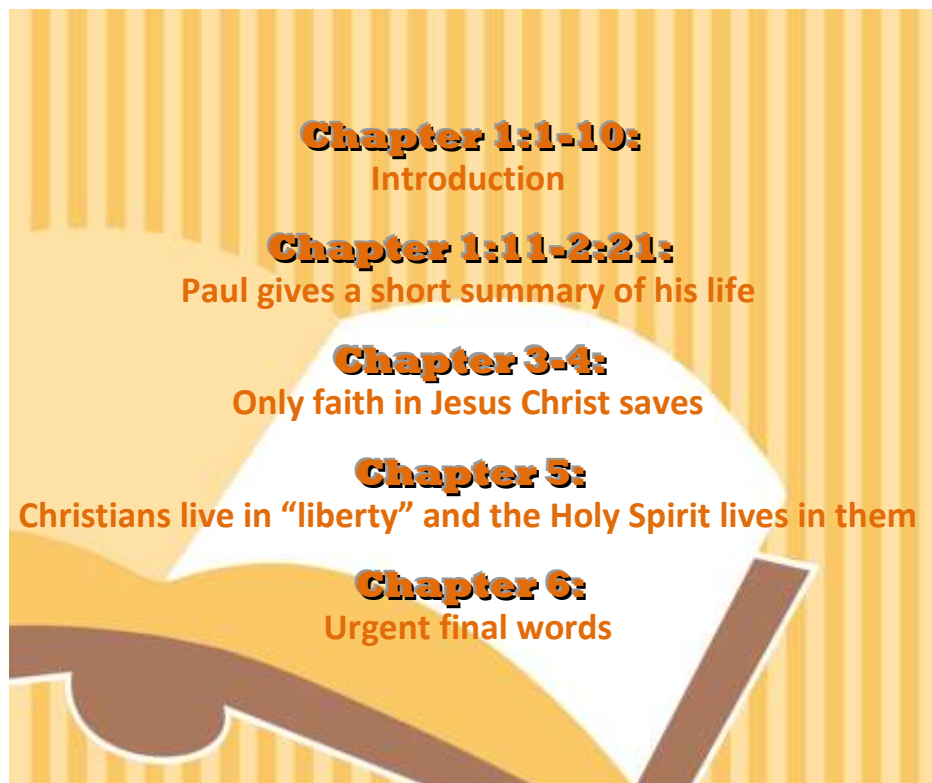


# Galatians

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**"The Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20**



**How it started:** This letter was written by the Apostle Paul, probably around 51AD, and was addressed to the Christians in Galatia.

Paul had visited the southern part of this Roman province on his first missionary journey. He had preached the gospel there, first to the Jews and later also to the heathens. As a result, many Galatians turned to God and accepted Jesus as Saviour: They became Christians.

**What it is all about:** Paul had heard that men had arisen under the Galatians who were trying to deceive the Christians through a

dangerous mix between Jewish and Christian teaching. They claimed that Christians were also duty bound to keep the commandments of the Old Testament.

Paul therefore warns the Galatians in his letter urgently not to listen to these false teachers. He does so by pointing out how and from where he received the gospel (Chapters 1 and 2).

Then he explains in detail the main points of the good news – in contrast to the Jewish faith (Chapters 3 and 4).

In the last part of the letter, Paul emphasizes consequences for the practical Christian life. He tries with clear words to bring the Galatians back on track.

**How about today?** You can learn a lot from the letter to the Galatians. You learn what the gospel is really all about. That is very important today because there are many wrong ideas and opinions around who Jesus Christ is and how to become a Christian.

The letter to the Galatians also contains many answers to questions of interest to young Christians, for example: How can I lead a happy life with the Lord Jesus? How can I deal with sin in my life? What is the secret of a victorious Christian life?