

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY NOTES  
GALATIANS 1**

**VERSES 1:1-5**

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

**A. PEOPLE OF REGION CALLED GALATIA**

1. KNOW AS GAULS
2. FROM FRANCE, INVADED ASIA MINOR IN 3<sup>RD</sup> CENTURY B.C.
3. PEOPLE CALLED THEM GALLO - GRAECIANS TO DISTINGUISH THEM FROM EUROPEAN GAULS.
4. FROM THIS TERM GREW "GALATIANS" OR "NOBLES"

**B. TOWNS**

1.ANTIOCH    2.ICONIUM    3.DERBE    4.LYSTRA  
VISITED BY PAUL ON HIS 1<sup>ST</sup> MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

**C. WHY IS THIS LETTER WRITTEN?**

1. ACTS 14:19-15:5
2. BY 50 A.D. AS GENTILES ENTERED INTO CHRISTIANITY PROBLEMS AROSE.

**SUMMARY - THIS IS A BOOK ABOUT**

**TRADITIONS - TRADITIONS OF MEN AND FREEDOM OF JESUS  
THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN LAW & GRACE, (FAITH)**

**FIRST 4 CHAP. ARGUE FOR FREEDOM    LAST 2 EXPLAIN IT**

**I. VERSES 1-5    SALUTATION**

- THE SALUTATION INCLUDES THE USUAL IDENTIFICATION OF AUTHOR AND RECIPIENT TOGETHER WITH A CUSTOMARY GREETING,

- **THE USUAL EXPRESSION OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE FOR BELIEVERS IS TOTALLY ABSENT.**
- **JUDAIZERS - THESE WERE JEWISH BELIEVERS—WHO CAME TO THE NEWLY FOUNDED CHURCHES AND TAUGHT THAT TO BE A REAL CHRISTIAN ONE MUST SUBMIT TO OLD TESTAMENT LAW, IN EFFECT CONVERT TO JUDAISM.**
- **THIS WAS THE FIRST SERIOUS THREAT TO THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH.**
- **VS.3 AS IN I THESS., II THESS., I COR., II COR. (ALREADY WRITTEN) AND IN ALL THE LATER EPISTLES SAVE THAT IN I AND II TIMOTHY “MERCY” IS ADDED. BUT THIS CUSTOMARY SALUTATION**
- **VS. 4 DELIVER = *EXAIREOÔ*, OLD VERB TO PLUCK OUT, TO RESCUE . THE GOSPEL IS A RESCUE, AN EMANCIPATION FROM A STATE OF EVIL**
- **OUT OF THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD *PONEÔROU*). LITERALLY, “OUT OF THE AGE THE EXISTING ONE BEING EVIL.”**

## **II. SPIRITUAL WARFARE - VS. 6-10**

- **PLEASING MEN OR GOD?**

**THIS NOT YOUR STANDARD PAUL, BUT AN AGITATED SPIRIT  
VS. 8 USING WORDS LIKE ACCURSED = "ANATHEMA"**

- **KEY VS.10 MEN PLEASING VS. GOD PLEASING  
THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN BATTLE**
- **KEY VS. 3:1 NOT PHYSICAL BATTLE BUT A SPIRITUAL ONE**

## **III. VS. 11-24 CALLED PAUL'S DEFENSE OF HIS APOSTLESHIP,**

**REVELATION = APOKALUPTO, TO OPEN UP, SECRET, REVEAL,**

**FRESH REVELATION FROM GOD BRINGS FREEDOM FROM SNARES  
MEN**

- A) TIME ALONE WITH GOD.**
- B) READING, PRAYING, SEARCHING WORD, STUDY**

- **VS. 13 ACTS 9:1 PAUL'S CONVERSION**

- **VS. 14 TRADITIONS**

**PAUL WAS A PHARISEE JUST AS HIS FATHER HAD BEEN (ACTS 23:6; 26:5). HIS SECT WAS RATHER SMALL, HAVING ONLY ABOUT SIX THOUSAND MEMBERS, BUT THEY EXERTED A TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE ON THE ENTIRE NATION BECAUSE THEIR MEMBERS WERE USUALLY IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY. THEY WERE NOTED FOR THEIR FANATICAL DESIRE TO KEEP ALL THE MINUTE PARTS OF THE LAW, AND TO STAY AWAY FROM EVERYTHING CEREMONIALLY UNCLEAN.**

- **VS. 15 SEPARATED ME—SET ME APART.**
- **THE GREEK WORD SHARES THE SAME ROOT AS THE WORD USUALLY TRANSLATED “PREDESTINATE.” HERE THE WORD MEANS “MARKED OUT,” “DESIGNATED.” FROM MY MOTHER’S WOMB—**
- **SINCE PAUL HAD BEEN CHOSEN BEFORE HE WAS BORN, HE DID NOT HAVE ANY MERIT OF HIS OWN (ROM. 9:11). CALLED ME—ON THE WAY TO DAMASCUS (ACTS 9). BY HIS GRACE— THE GRACE OF GOD WAS THE SOLE FACTOR IN HIS CALLING (CF. PS. 22:9; 71:6; ISA. 49:1; JER. 1:5; LUKE 1:15).**
- **KEY VS. 16 - PLEASED TO REVEAL HIS SON!**

**THE CROSS, GRAVE, RESURRECTION STOOD BETWEEN  
ALL PAUL/SAUL WAS.**