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Outline of the Bible Book of Galatians

Galatians = Gallic or Gauls

[God Is Profitable]

Acts 13 - 14

Blueprint for Redemption

I. **Apostle for Liberty 1:1 - 2:21**

A. **Jesus as 'Judge' (a.k.a. "Liberator")** **Cf Judges; Hebrews 3 - 4**

1. Paul an Apostle of resurrected Christ **1:1**
2. Freed sinners from "this present evil age" **1:3-5**

B. **Gospel as Message**

1. Presently abandoned by the Galatians **1:6-10**
2. Past accepted by the Galatians
 - a) as sent from God **1:11-12**
 - b) as given through one sent (a.k.a. "apostle") **1:13-17**
 - c) as independent from Jerusalem/Jews **1:18-24**

C. **Circumcision as Bondage**

1. Paul faced Jews with Barnabas & an uncircumcised Titus **2:1-3**
2. Uncompromised by "stealth" bombers **2:4-5**
3. Unbowed before "influential" brethren **2:6-10**
4. Unyielding with Peter's hypocrisy toward uncircumcised **2:11-21**

II. Law of Liberty **3:1 - 5:15**

A. *Cross of Christ*

1. Promise fulfilled to Gentiles by Spirit, not flesh **3:1-5**
2. Promise made to Abraham **3:6-9**

B. *Curse of "The Law"*

1. Planned to be incomplete for salvation **3:10-14**
 - a) Cursed the incompletely obedient **3:10 CF Deuteronomy 27:26**
 - b) Covenant of "seed" made with Abraham, not Moses **3:15-18**
 - c) Caused "the law" to be temporary **3:19-25**
 - (1) lingered "till the Seed" came **3:19-20**
 - (2) leader to Jesus Christ **3:21-25**

C. *Children of God Now*

1. "Through faith" NOT "faith only" **3:26-27**
2. Free to be "Abraham's seed" by faithful obedience **3:28-29**
Cf Romans 7:1-6; Colossians 2:11-17
3. Gentiles are heirs with, not slaves to, Jews in Christ **4:1-7**
4. Consider contrast with former ways **4:8-11**
5. Consider Galatians' former treatment of Paul **4:12-16**
6. Consider Judaizers as "slavemasters" not saviors **4:17-20**
7. Consider symbolism contained in Moses' book **4:21-31**
Cf Genesis 21:19-28; Romans 9:6-13
8. Consider conflict now with circumcision of the flesh **5:1-6**
9. Consider Paul's dedication to Christ as problematic if Moses is still to be followed **5:7-11**
10. Consider contradiction if love is not the way now **5:12-15**

III. Legalities With Liberty 5:16 - 6:18

A. *"Walk in the Spirit"*

1. And not the contrary flesh **5:16-17**
2. And not "the law" [of Moses] **5:18**
3. Fleshly works are STILL easily recognized **5:19-21**
4. Spiritual fruit in Christians is NEVER to be condemned either by sinners or false brethren **5:22-26**

B. *God, Thus, Supplies Christians:*

1. Support from the brethren **6:1-5**
2. Sharing of the Word **6:6-9**
3. Seeking of opportunity **6:10**

C. *Christians Should Therefore Follow:*

1. Paul's determined epistles 6:11
2. Avoidance of inconsistent Christian "cowards" 6:12-13
3. Only the freeing cross of Christ 6:14-15
4. The only real "Israelites" 6:16
5. Only the Apostles loyal to Jesus 6:17-18

Galatian Gleanings:

1. "The churches of Galatia" probably were the ones Paul established on his first journey to the region: Antioch of Pisidia (**Acts 13:14**), Iconium (**Acts 14:1**), Lystra & Derbe of Lycaonia (**Acts 14:6**).
2. Paul defends his "apostleship" in the letters of **Romans**, **II Corinthians**, and **Galatians** unlike his subject matter in the other epistles of his. This was probably necessitated by Judaizing teachers who were his constant harassment (**Cf Acts 13:44-47; 14:2-4, 19-20; 15:1-5**). There are many parallels in argument and doctrine, therefore, among these three books.
3. From each occasion **Habakkuk 2:4** is quoted something is added to our understanding of what it means to "obey" by faith.
 - Galatians 3:11** - obedience must be to Christ, not Moses;
 - Romans 1:17** - the same gospel is for Jews & Gentiles;
 - Hebrews 10:38** - one must not "give up"
4. Obviously Paul relied upon Old Testament Scripture for much of his teaching, for the opposition seemed to be coming from Judaizers. Even though Gentiles comprised a large segment of those churches, however unfamiliar they may have been with the Old Testament before their conversion, they must learn its truths to maintain their devotion to Jesus Christ. The adage, "The church of Christ doesn't believe in the Old Testament" because we do not religiously bind ourselves to it because it is now a "dead law" was probably being made when Paul wrote **Galatians** and is still just as ignorant and intimidating as it was then.
5. Any change in the Gospel of Christ as taught in the New Testament is NOT "another" (Gk **allos**) of the same kind, but "another" (Gk **heteros**) altogether **1:6-7**. Hence latter-day angels or apostles are to be completely rejected.