

Living Free

Turning Away
Message 1
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► Outline

I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God...

Galatians 1:6a (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Galatians 1:1-10. C/R: Ephesians 2:8-9)

Author: _____ Date: A.D. _____

Recipient: Churches established by Paul during first missionary journey (Acts 13-14) in the region of Galatia (central Asia Minor, modern-day southern Turkey).

Occasion: False teacher (_____) taught that Gentiles must become Jews by circumcision before becoming Christians and all Christians—Jews and Gentiles—had to obey _____ laws, regulations, and ceremonies to be righteous before God.

Theme of the book: Justification by _____ alone. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

B. How to avoid turning away... (Galatians 1:1-10)

1. Respond to divine _____.
(Galatians 1:1-2. C/R: Acts 2:42; 9:3-5;
Ephesians 2:19-20; 3:1-9; 2 Timothy 3:16)

2. Remember the true _____.
(Galatians 1:3-5. C/R: Romans 3:19-28; 5:1-2; 11:5-6;
Ephesians 2:4-9)

3. Reject _____ of the Gospel.
(Galatians 1:6-7a. C/R: Matthew 24:24; Acts 20:28-30;
2 Corinthians 11:3-4; 2 John 10-11)

4. Refuse _____ by false teachers.
(Galatians 1:7b-10. C/R: 2 Corinthians 11:13-15;
Titus 1:10-11; 2 Peter 2:1-3,13-14; Jude 4)

Answers: A. Paul, 48, Judaizers, Mosaic, faith 1. source 2. Gospel 3. distortions 4. deception
Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com or blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

Do you tend to be a people pleaser or a tell-it-like-it-is type of person?

Opening in Prayer

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

Galatians 1:3 (NLT)

Spend a few minutes in prayer asking God to guide your study of His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Galatians was written by the apostle Paul to several early Christian communities in the province of Galatia, which is modern-day Turkey (see Acts 13-14). In this letter, Paul faces head on how these young Christians were being misled and missing out on the true freedom found only in the *Good News* of Jesus Christ.

Read Galatians 1:1-5.

1. An apostle is a messenger sent by Jesus, or one who is sent. Who appointed Paul as an apostle? Why is that important?
2. What are elements of the *Good News* as listed in vs. 1-5? How would you explain the Gospel to someone who asked you today what you believe?

Read Galatians 1:6-7.

3. Paul summarizes the reason for this letter in verses 6-7. How would you restate the problem Paul is addressing?
4. How would you feel if these words were written to you?
5. What are some modern spiritual teachings that are distortions of the *Good News*?

6. How can we make sure that the *Good News* we believe is not a distortion of the true *Good News*?

Read Galatians 1:8-10.

7. Why do you think Paul speaks so strongly against teaching a different *Good News* than the one he taught?
8. What aspects of your faith do you wrestle with, or what question do you have regarding faith in Christ?
9. What are some indicators that someone is seeking to please God rather than people? What are the advantages of pleasing God over people?
10. What is something you would like God to show you during this study of Galatians?

Soul Training

Read the whole book of Galatians in one sitting.

Memory Verse

God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: Acts 26:9-23

Day 4: Romans 5:1-2

Day 2: Ephesians 3:1-9

Day 5: 2 Corinthians 11:3-4

Day 3: Romans 3:19-28

Prepare for Next Sunday

We'll continue our *Living Free* series on **Galatians** with a message on *Good News*. To prepare read Galatians 1:11-24.



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