

Notes On Galatians

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Galatians was most likely the first of Paul's epistles, targeted to what had once been an ancient Celtic settlement in what we know call Asia Minor. Paul's success in reaching Galatians caused jealousy among Jewish believers who still thought it was necessary to live under the law. The tone of Paul's letter implies that the Galatian believers had simply "caved" when the "Judaizers" swarmed in, and he makes a point of explaining that grace is still the only way of salvation.

This series of lessons is a survey to help believers encounter the main "points" as they work their way through the book. Each page includes one or more discussion questions. Some questions review the main points of the passage. Others are open-ended, with no one obvious "right" answer. If you are using these materials to lead a group, you may want to supplement them with other materials that relate the content more specifically to the needs of your members.

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