

Galatians

Chapter 1 (1 - 7)



To the church of Galatia, from Paul, an apostle appointed not by man but by Jesus Christ. Trouble makers among you have changed the Good News. I am astonished that you have begun following their false version of the Good News.

Jesus, don't let people be deceived by anyone who waters down or changes your Good News

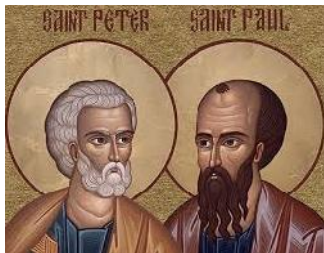
Chapter 1 (11 - 24)

The Good News I preach is not a human message. It is something I received from Jesus Christ. I used to persecute the church, but then God called me to follow Jesus. I am a one-time persecutor who is now preaching the faith I had previously tried to destroy. When I visited Jerusalem three years after my conversion, the believers gave glory to God for what he had done for me. **Jesus, please turn more persecutors into preachers!**

Chapter 2 (1 - 9)

14 years after that first visit, I again went to Jerusalem, with Barnabas and Titus. I explained to the Christian leaders how I had been proclaiming the Good News to non-Jews.

James, Peter and John shook hands with us as a sign of partnership. We were to preach to the non-Jews, and they to the Jews. **Jesus, please help all Christians to avoid disunity**



Chapter 2 (11 - 14)

Not long after this, when Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, since he was in the wrong. He had been accustomed to eating

with non-Jews, but when some friends of James arrived (people who insisted that all believers should be circumcised) he kept away from the non-Jews. When I saw that Peter was not respecting the true meaning of the Good News, I said to him in front of everyone "You have no right to make non-Jews adopt Jewish customs".

Jesus, help me understand that it's sometimes ok to criticize top Christian leaders

Chapter 2 (16 - 20)

What makes us God's friends is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Jesus Christ. I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now, not with my own life, but with the life of Christ who lives in me

The life I now live in this body, I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake.

Jesus, help me understand how you live in me, and I live in you



Chapter 3 (26 - 28)

Through faith in Christ Jesus, you are children of God. When you were baptized, you entered into a special relationship of friendship with Christ. This relationship cancels out old labels like Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. These old labels have been replaced by a new one hanging around your heart: Made in Christ. **Jesus, help me better understand our relationship**

Chapter 4 (4 - 6)

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law, and to enable us to be adopted as children of God, brothers and sisters of his Son. The proof that we are children is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries "Abba, Father".

Jesus, help me understand how I have been adopted, how you are my Brother

Chapter 5 (1 - 6)

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm then and do not return to a life of slavery to Jewish Law. As a Christian, it doesn't matter if you are circumcised or not. What matters is faith that is put into loving action.

Jesus, please help people whose lives are being damaged by unreasonable religious laws

Chapter 5 (13 - 15)



Serve one another in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summed up in the command "Love your neighbor as yourself".

If you go in for non-stop criticism and personal attacks, you will destroy the church community.

Jesus, help me avoid unfair/unnecessary criticism of other people

Chapter 5 (19 - 26)

When self-indulgence is at work, the results are obvious: sexual irresponsibility, sorcery, feuds and wrangling, jealousy and drunkenness. What the Spirit brings is very different:

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness and self-control

You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent desires. Let us be directed by the Spirit. We must stop being conceited, provocative and envious.

Holy Spirit, increase your influence in my life

Chapter 6 (7 - 9)

God cannot be cheated. Where we sow is where we will reap. If we sow in the field of self-indulgence, we will get a harvest of corruption. If we sow in the field of the Spirit, we will get a harvest of eternal life. Never tire of doing good.

Jesus, help me sow in the field of the Spirit by doing good

Chapter 6 (14 - 18)

As for me, the only thing I boast about is the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It doesn't matter if a person is circumcised or not.



What matters is that we become a new creature. From now on, I want no more trouble from you. The scars on my body were suffered for the sake of Jesus. May his grace be with you.

Jesus, may I look at everything in the world from up on your Cross