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## ***Galatians Introduction***

Paul's first New Testament letter

Paul had planted the churches on his first missionary journey.

Galatians emphasizes being right with God on the basis of faith in Jesus plus nothing.

### **Chapter 1**

Paul's greeting and introduction

Paul's reason for writing – some were changing the Gospel message!

Paul defends his message as coming from God

### **Chapter 2**

Paul's message was recognized by the other apostles

Paul rebuked Peter

### **Chapter 3**

Justification (being made right) is by faith

## Law and Promise

### **Chapter 4**

From slave to son to heir

An illustration – slave and free

### **Chapter 5**

Jesus set you free – don't be enslaved again

Jesus set you free – don't use it to sin

### **Chapter 6**

Jesus set you free – serve one another

Concluding thoughts

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Why do people feel it necessary to add something to the Gospel? Why aren't people content to accept the Gospel of grace as it is?
2. What things have people added to the Gospel?
3. Some people go beyond the Scriptures and add rules for how to be pleasing to God (even after one is saved). What is the problem with this?
4. God set us free to serve. How are you serving others? How can you encourage others to serve?