

GOD'S GOSPEL
of GRACE

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Chapters 1–2: *Personal Autobiography*

Paul received the gospel directly from God (1:11-17).

Paul preached the gospel for 13 years without being educated by the apostles (1:18-24). The apostles eventually examined and approved his gospel (2:1-10).

And at one point, Paul's gospel authoritatively corrected the apostle Peter when he was wrong (2:11-21).

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Chapters 5–6: *Life Application*

Scripture Reading

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- How did you escape the law's curse—by obeying the law or by trusting Christ? (verses 10-14)

THE MAIN POINT OF GALATIANS 3:1–14

*All who trust Christ
receive God's Holy Spirit,
become Abraham's children, and
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“God, who said,
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— *2 Corinthians 4:6*

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“Though you have not seen [Jesus Christ], you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.”

— *1 Peter 1:8*

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- 3. The Spirit's Confirmation.*** Every believer stands on the gospel message that was confirmed by Spirit-empowered miracles (see Acts 14:3, 8-23).