



# Exploring Galathea

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# Paul giving Thanks

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- <sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3



# Paul's viewpoint

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- I am perplexed about you.
- I am afraid for you
- I am astonished by you



# Galatians 1

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- <sup>6</sup> .....(you) are turning to a different gospel—  
<sup>7</sup> which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!



# Notes on Galatians 1:8-9 Lesson 4

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- These are some of the sternest and controversial verses in the new testament. KJV uses the word accursed while one commentator says it could be translated as damned. It leaves absolutely no room for the perversion of the gospel and is stated twice for emphasis!! It damns Islam, Mormonism, and many aspects of “Catholic”, “Orthodox” and “Christian” denominations that have secularized and diluted the gospel. An active and saving faith is distinctive from those who have a demonic faith( Those who “believe” and do nothing”. Paul teaches an imperative that the stronger help the weak. There is no room for complacency or a retired rest as the task is before us.>

# Galatians 1

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- <sup>9</sup> As we have already said, so now I say again:  
If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!



# Anathema Galatians 4

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- **Anathema - ἀνάθεμα an-ath'-em-ah G331 (6X)**
  1. a thing set up or laid by in order to be kept
  2. a thing devoted to God without hope of being redeemed, and if an animal, to be slain; therefore a person or thing doomed to destruction



# Galatians 1

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let them be under God's curse NIV

let him be anathema. ASV

let him be condemned to destruction! AMP

let him be accursed. BRG ESV KJV NKJV

may he be condemned to hell GNT (good news translation)

He is to be accursed NASB NASB1995





# Galatians 1

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Had Paul not made clear the gospel, the Judaizers teaching that becoming Jewish first then becoming a follower of Christ may have generated a new Jewish sect.

Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, Zealots, Sicarii, Christasees



# Galatians 1:10

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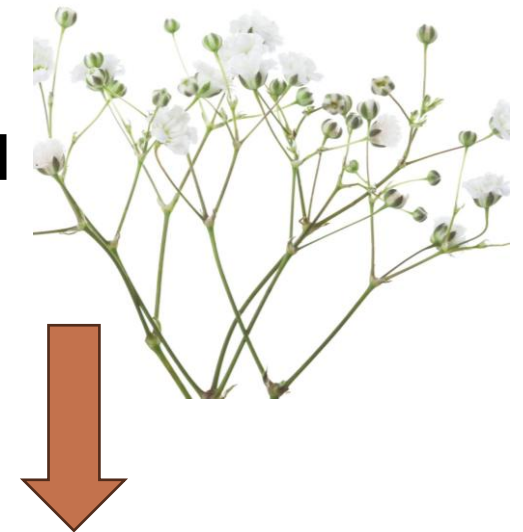
- <sup>10</sup> Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.



# 1 Thessalonians 2

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- **2** You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. <sup>2</sup> We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition



# 1 Thessalonians 2

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- <sup>3</sup> For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. <sup>4</sup> On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.



# 2 Timothy 2:15

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- <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.



# 2 Timothy 2:25-26

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- <sup>25</sup> Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.



# Galatians 1:11-12

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- <sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup> I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.



# Galatians 1:11-12

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- The original Apostles had a three+ year training session with Jesus.
- Paul spends three years in Arabia.
- He receives the gospel from Jesus Christ.





# Galatians 1:13-14

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- <sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.



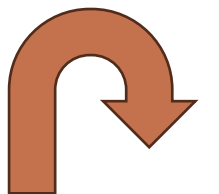
# Galatians 1

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The Judaizers may have felt jealous about the the fast track to a relationship with God.

The message of the Gospel and the completeness in Christ turned some of the Jews in to sworn enemies of Paul.

Reference the parable of the workers



# Acts 13 Pisidian Antioch

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<sup>49</sup> The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. <sup>50</sup> But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region



# Acts 13 Pisidian Antioch

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<sup>51</sup> So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them(???) and went to Iconium. <sup>52</sup> And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.



# Acts 14 Iconium

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**14** At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. <sup>2</sup> But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. (HISPOM?)



# Acts 14 Iconium → Lystra

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<sup>8</sup> In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. ....

<sup>10</sup> (Paul) called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup> .....(crowd) shouted,.... “The gods have come down to us in human form!”





# Acts 14 Lystra

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<sup>14</sup> Barnabas and Paul heard of (Lystrans sacrificing to them), they tore their clothes. <sup>15</sup> “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news..... <sup>18</sup> Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.



# Acts 14 Lystra

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<sup>19</sup> Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. <sup>20</sup> But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

Pisidian Antioch to Lystra is 53 miles.



# Acts 14 Derbe

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<sup>21</sup> They preached the gospel in that city Derbe and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, <sup>22</sup> strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith



# Galatians 1:15-16

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- <sup>15</sup> But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son in me so that I might<sup>+</sup> preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.



# Galatians 1:17-18

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- <sup>17</sup> I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.
- <sup>18</sup> Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas (Peter) and stayed with him fifteen days.



# Galatians 1:19-21

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- <sup>19</sup> I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord’s brother. <sup>20</sup> I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. <sup>21</sup> Then I went to Syria and Cilicia.



# Galatians 1:19-21

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- <sup>22</sup> I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup> They only heard the report: “The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” <sup>24</sup> And they praised God because of me.

