



## **The Book of Galatians 101 chapter 1:**

Now before we get into the book of Galatians I want you to know that if you've already looked at our teaching on the book of Romans.. you're going to be way ahead in this teaching, but if you have not taken a look at our teaching on the book of Romans, I highly suggest that you do so because it will give you a leg up on what we're going to be studying here in the book of Galatians over the next few weeks.

The book of Galatians is an important book for the times that we're living in because it teaches us what is and is not true when it comes to the salvation that our Messiah fought to give us. It teaches us about false teachers and false doctrines.. it teaches us about the deception that had already begun to move into the early church before the Apostles themselves were even gone.

So before we move into the book of Galatians it's important for us to know and understand who the people at the church of Galatia were, so I want to take us over to 1<sup>st</sup> Peter chapter one.. so that we can get good grip on just who these people were exactly.

*1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

*1Pe 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.*

Okay... so before we begin our study on the book of Galatians we need to understand the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

Towards the end of what we now know as the "Old Testament" the house of Israel was broken into two kingdoms. There was the Northern kingdom known as the house of Israel that lived in the Northern part of Israel.. and then there was the Southern Kingdom known as the House of Judah that lived in the Southern part of Israel.

The Northern Kingdom consisted of 10 of the 12 tribes of Israel, and the Southern Kingdom consisted of the two tribes of what was left of Benjamin and Judah.

Now very quickly for those of you who don't know... (because most modern day professing Christians do not).. the Northern Kingdom known as the House of Israel was divorced from

God because of their whoredom with other gods and other idols, and so God divorced them and dispersed them into the four corners of the Earth, so they were taken into captivity by the Syrians.

Now you would have thought that the Southern Kingdom of Judah would have learned from her sister the Northern Kingdom but she did not, and she also chased after other gods and idols and played the whore as well, so she in turn went into bondage under Babylon.

But the tribe of Judah came back... the ten tribes of Israel from the Northern Kingdom never did come back and so it was that the Northern Kingdom became known as "The Lost Sheep Of Israel".

Who was our Messiah sent for exactly?

*Mat 15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."*

*Mat 15:23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."*

*Mat 15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

*Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,*

*Mat 10:6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

*Mat 10:7 And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

You see our Messiah had to join the two kingdoms back together again before the nations could be gathered to them. Yahshua came to put the two sticks of Ezekiel back together again in the Masters hand:

*Eze 37:16 "Son of man, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.'*

*Eze 37:17 And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.*

*Eze 37:18 And when your people say to you, 'Will you not tell us what you mean by these?'*

*Eze 37:19 say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. And I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand.*

*Eze 37:20 When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes,*

*Eze 37:21 then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land.*

*Eze 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one*

*king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms.*

*Eze 37:23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.*

You see Israel was always meant to be a light on a hill for all the nations to see and be jealous of so that they nations of the Earth would come and want to be grafted into her.

Israel was supposed to be that light on a hill that attracted all the nations but she couldn't be that light on a hill if she was broken and scattered into the four corners of the Earth. The only way that she could be what God could fulfill his promise to Abraham was to bring back his bride and to restore them to their rightful place and to bring them back into their promised land.

Then and only then could the nations of the world be drawn back to her and grafted into Gods chosen people:

*Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

*Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

*Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.*

Now why do I say all of this?.. Because this is what we find in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter verse one, lets read it again:

*1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

What “Dispersion” is he talking about? .. The “Dispersion” of the “Northern Kingdom” also known as.. “The Lost Sheep of Israel”.

So I want us to understand who many of these people were at the church of Galatia, and why it was so important for Paul to continue to keep them on the narrow path that they were obviously turning away from.

Even in their day.. we will hear the Apostle Paul proclaiming that the Galatians that he taught so diligently were being lead astray by another gospel... a false gospel, and we'll hear Paul tell us what will happen to men even in our time... who teach and preach another gospel.. different from the one the Apostles gave.

This book is about truth, and what happens to those who distort the truth, and the curses that will come upon them for teaching outside of the word of Yahovah our Father in Heaven. And I

want us to hear, know, and understand the importance of this letter that Paul is writing to this particular church concerning the deception that they are falling into.

Paul.. a man who himself was an elite among the Pharisees, who sat at the feet of Gamliel who had the whole Torah committed to memory, a man who was born in Tarsus the academic capitol of the world at that time... a man who not only knew the Torah of Yahovah the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob... but who also knew and understood the writings of Plato, Socrates , and Aristotle, and the philosophy of men.

We will hear Paul proclaiming how well educated that he was with the teachings of the Sages and the Pharisees and the fathers of his lineage and yet still with all that knowledge that he had gained from men.. he still had no real knowledge at all concerning the things of God.

It wasn't until he was struck blind and knocked off of his horse on his way to Damascus by the Messiah that he finally knew and understood who the Messiah even was.

We'll also see something very interesting in the book of Galatians concerning Paul and not just how Paul was chosen.. but when. We'll read about how even before Paul's birth... he had already been chosen for this task.

He had already been chosen to be a Pharisee, and educated man educated by men.. so that God could show the world how mans wisdom is foolishness to God, and how inferior mans wisdom is to the most high God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.

We'll hear Paul speaking of the debate between the circumcision party who was trying to tell the new converts that they were saved by circumcision. And we'll know and understand that it was these same men from the circumcision group in Acts chapter 15 who were sent to spy out the freedom giving gospel that Paul had delivered to the church at Galatians, and who were now trying to distort it, and take it away from them.

These wicked men were sent not only to take away the Gospel message of Yahshua's free gift of Salvation but they were there to destroy it so that they once again could take power and control over the people... you see... Yahshua had put them out of business.. and they wanted their power back.

The book of Galatians is a perfect look at the battle that rages on today between those of us who hold firmly to scripture and the Gospel message that was given once and for all... and the teachings of men that teach their own brand of Salvation.. their own brand of Christianity... their own brand of righteousness... their own brand of leadership...

Men who do not teach truth.. but who teach what ever their denominational charter tells them to preach.. men who are anointed by men, and not anointed by God. Wolves in sheep's clothing

who have crept in to turn our Messiah's gospel into sensuality and deny our only Master and King Yahshua Hamashiach.

I want us to listen closely to what the Apostle Paul has to say about who have him this Gospel message, and where it came from.. I want us to listen closely to who it was who have Paul his authority, and where it comes from.. I want us to listen closely to what Paul truly preaches and teaches about the Law of God.

I want us to listen as we read through these scriptures and allow the Ruach Hakodesh hover over this teaching so that it's truth may be protected and injected into our hearts and our minds. Let us understand the feeble inferiority of the wisdom of men... compared to the never ending wisdom of the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.

Fasten your seat belts and get ready... open not only your eyes and your ears as we fill them with this all important scripture... but also your hearts and minds, and let us fill our cups with the truth of Gods word as it was given by the Apostles of the Messiah once... and for all.

**Galatians Chapter One Verse One:**

*Gal 1:1 Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—*

*Gal 1:2 and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:*

*Gal 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Gal 1:4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,*

*Gal 1:5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Right off the bat... we find Paul announcing who he is and by what authority he comes teaching and preaching. Paul tells the church at Galatia that he is an Apostle not sent from men or through man and this is important for us to understand.

Even with Paul's elite higher education, even though Paul has more degrees than a thermometer, even though he sat at the feet of Gamliel one of the most revered rabbinical leaders of his time, even though he had the whole Torah committed to memory, even though he was educated with the higher learning of man through the philosophy of Aristotle, Plato, and Socrates...he once gain introduces himself as not an Apostle from men or through men.. but an Apostle through Yahshua Hamashiach the Messiah.

This is important to understand... you see Paul was not standing on his man made, man created, man fabricated education.. Paul was standing on the Gospel of the Messiah given through.. the Messiah and not man.

It's important that we see this distinction that Paul is making. Paul is telling us that he is not

coming to preach the wisdom of men.. but rather the Gospel message that comes straight from our Messiah. And to this day this is important for the reader to understand because of the multitude of denominational charters of men who teach and preach their own wisdom separate and apart from the scriptures because they do not understand the scriptures.

And because they do this... the Scripture itself condemns them in 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:7:

2Ti 3:6 For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions,

2Ti 3:7 always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith.

### **Paul continues:**

*Gal 1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—*

*Gal 1:7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.*

*Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.*

*Gal 1:9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.*

So here we have the Apostle Paul sent by the Messiah himself who was chosen even before his birth to preach and teach this Gospel message telling us that if anyone even an angle from heaven comes down... or even if Paul himself and the Apostles were to turn around and preach another Gospel message.. to let even them... be accursed.

Is this serious business do you suppose? You bet it's serious so serious our Messiah literally went to hell and back to deliver it to us. So serious that it could mean the difference between life and death for those who hear it... so serious that with out this Gospel message being delivered properly many could fall away.

Many families, men women and children could be trapped in the snare of the evil ones.

*Ecc 9:12 For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.*

*Ecc 9:13 I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me.*

*Ecc 9:14 There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it.*

*Ecc 9:15 But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man.*

*Ecc 9:16 But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard.*

*Ecc 9:17 The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools.*

*Ecc 9:18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.*

### **Paul continues in his letter to the Galatians:**

*Gal 1:10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

*Gal 1:11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.*

*Gal 1:12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.*

*Gal 1:13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.*

*Gal 1:14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.*

Do we hear what Paul is telling us here? This is so profoundly important to understand if we're going to understand this letter to the Galatians. Paul is making the distinction between his higher learning in the man made, man created, man fabricated teachings of Judaism and the higher learning that comes only from God.

Notice what he says in verse 12: *For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Paul has broken out of the chains of the wisdom of men.. and is now walking on the narrow path that few find. And as he starts out this letter he wants the church at Galatia to understand that it's not about the wisdom of Judaism, nor is it about the higher learning of the Pharisees and the Saducees and Scribes and the church leadership!... It's about God.. it's about his son who came to teach us all the truth if we will only listen.

He stands at the door and he knocks.. if we will only open the door, he himself will come in and enter into our hearts and our minds and will teach us all things.

*Mat 23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.*

*Mat 23:9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.*

*Mat 23:10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.*

You have one instructor the who? We have one instructor.. the Messiah, and anyone... any man, women, or child who does not have the Messiah in them is unworthy to teach this gospel message according to our Messiah.

*Eph 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,  
Eph 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,  
Eph 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,  
Eph 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

A true man, woman, or child of God will equip the saints for the work of ministry.. they will build up the body of the Messiah, they will rebuke sharply those who preach contrary to it, and they will unite the body in the true faith and the knowledge of the Son of god to the full measure of the stature of the fullness of the Messiah.

Why?!?!

*so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

### **Paul continues his letter to the Galatians:**

*Gal 1:15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace,*

*Gal 1:16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;*

*Gal 1:17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.*

Paul says I did not get what I have from men... where did he go?.. he went to Arabia.. what's in Arabia?.. Mount Sinai where the Law was originally given!

Paul went back to the original meeting place, where God first thundered down his laws to his people and with his own finger wrote his ten commandments in stone, but this time instead of writing his commandments in stone... he wrote them on Paul's heart and in his mind just like he said he would do so that through Paul... the laws of Yahovah God would once again be given to his people not in stone.. but in their hearts and in there minds.

*Jer 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will*

*be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,*

*Heb 10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"*

*Heb 10:17 then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."*

You see the New Covenant that today's modern day Christian loves to boast about was only made with the House of Israel, and it was designed to write Yahovah's Laws in their hearts and in their minds not to be nailed on a tree.

Quit simply put my friends.. we've been lied too. And if we would only read the scripture for ourselves and study to show ourselves approved... we would already have known this.

### **Paul continues:**

*Gal 1:18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days.*

*Gal 1:19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.*

*Gal 1:20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)*

*Gal 1:21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.*

*Gal 1:22 And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.*

*Gal 1:23 They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."*

*Gal 1:24 And they glorified God because of me.*

Notice what Paul is proclaiming here.. he says after three years he went to Jerusalem to visit Peter and he only stayed with him for 15 days, and the only other apostle that he saw was James the brother of our Messiah, so there certainly was no time for Peter or even James to teach Paul all that he knew.

Paul had what he had been given straight from the Messiah right from Mount Sinai just as God had given it to Moses, and these people did not see Paul as the elite Pharisee that he once was.

Notice that these people only saw him as the one who used to persecute them.. the one who used to want to put them to death because of his man made, man created, man fabricated higher learning that came from men.

This is how they saw Paul at first... many of them still afraid of him, you see the true Christians of that day feared the Apostle Paul at first because he was a Christian killer before he became an Apostle. They did not see him as this elite Pharisee full of wisdom and knowledge that he was. They simply saw him as a murderer of Gods people.

My friends.. these men of higher learning.. these men with more degrees than a thermometer... these men who hate people like me for teaching and preaching the truth of Gods word.. these men who make up and fabricate words and titles like “Legalism” are no less murderers than the Apostle Paul with all of his man made, man created, man fabricated wisdom.

They are leading Gods people away from God and back into the Pagan religion of the Devil which was and always has been.. “Do As Thou Wilt”.

For them it's all about their man made, man created, man fabricated “Once Saved Always Saved” doctrine. “Dispensational Grace”, “Pre Tribulation Rescue”, “Gods Laws Are All Nailed to The Cross”... come down here in front of me and say this prayer with me and then it's all good just go ahead and “Do As Thou Wilt”!

Go ahead and live like the Devil all week long... just make sure your butts in the pew Sunday morning so you can put your money in the golden plate so I can build an another Saint Peters Basilica and your good to go!

And with this we'll bring the first chapter of Galatians to a close, and we'll pick up at chapter two next Saturday on our 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath convocation.

