

# Overview: Galatians 1-3

## Galatians 1

### THERE IS ONE GOSPEL

1. Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us, 1:1-5.
2. Church people sometimes quickly desert God and turn to a different gospel, 1:6.
3. There is not another gospel, 1:7a.
4. But there are some who cause trouble and want to distort and twist the gospel of Christ, 1:7b.
5. Those who distort the gospel are under the curse of God, 1:8-9.
6. The true gospel is the gospel approved and taught by God, 1:10-24.

## Galatians 2

### THE GOSPEL IS ATTACKED BY INSIDERS

1. False Christians will come and try to corrupt the gospel and control the fellowship, 2:1-4.
2. We preserve the gospel by antithesis, not synthesis, 2:5-6.

**Define antithesis:** a contrast or opposition between two things; a person or thing that is the direct opposite of someone or something else.

**Define synthesis:** the combining of often diverse conceptions into a coherent whole; the combination of components or elements to form a connected whole; synthesis can also refer to the act of combining ideas.

3. The validating characteristic of the gospel is grace, 2:7-10.
4. The identifying characteristic of the false brothers is fear, 2:11-14.
5. We are justified by faith—believing in Christ Jesus, 2:15-16.
6. The fearful person goes back to the discredited but familiar ways of works, 2:17-18.
7. The person who dies to the law lives to God and does not nullify the grace of God and the purpose of Christ, 2:19-21.

## Galatians 3

### THE GOSPEL IS THE PROMISE OF GOD

1. The false brothers will even be able to bewitch true believers and cause them to forget how their life in the Spirit began, 3:1-6.
2. We need to know and remember in the heat of the battle that our inheritance comes by the promise of God and is received by faith alone, 3:7-18.
3. We need to know and remember in the heat of the battle the intent of law, 3:19-24.
4. We need to understand our God-given place and position in Christ as sons of God, 3:25-28.
5. We need to understand that if we belong to Christ, then we are heirs according to promise, 3:29.

## “in black and white” ...

- in writing or in print, recorded, documented;
- presenting something in terms of clearly defined opposing principles or issues; that in which it is easy to understand what is right and wrong;
- to deliver something in clear, simple terms; presenting a simple choice between two opposite things.

**OUR SIN**  
**GOD’S GRACE**  
**CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
**By GRACE THROUGH FAITH ALONE**

