

Defending the Gospel

Overview of Galatians

Sunday evening, October 24rd

1. Author: Paul (1:1; 5:2)
2. Recipients: (“the churches of Galatians” 1:2). Churches founded on Paul’s 1st missionary journey in Acts 13-14.

1. Paul gives his Personal Response and Defends his Apostleship (Chs 1-2).

- A. The Expounding of the *Gospel* (1:1-5)
- B. The Exposure of *False Teachers* (1:6-9)
- C. The Exoneration of *Paul* (1:10-12)
- D. The Experience of the *Gospel* (1:13-24)
- E. The Exhibiting of a *new Convert* (2:1-10)
- F. The Example of a *sinning Brother* (2:11-21)

2. Paul gives his Doctrinal Response and Defends Justification by Faith (Chs 3-4).

- A. Argument From *Experience* (Galatians 3:1-5) With Six Questions
- B. Argument From *Scripture* (Galatians 3:6-14) With Six Quotes from the OT
- C. Argument From *Logic* (Galatians 3:15-29)
- D. Argument From *History* (Galatians 4:1-11)
- E. Argument From *The Heart* (Galatians 4:12-20)
- F. Argument From *Allegory* (Galatians 4:21-31)

3. Paul gives his Practical Response and Defends Sanctification by Faith (Chs 5-6).

- A. Not by *Legalism* (5:1-12)
- B. Not by *License* (5:13)
- C. But by *Holy Spirit* Produced Love (5:13c-26)
 1. *Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill the essence of the Law* (5:13c-15)
 2. *Holy Spirit enables us not to fulfill the flesh* (5:16-26)
 3. *Holy Spirit enables us to Serve One Another* (6:1-18)
 - a. By Bearing one another’s burdens (6:1-5)
 - b. By Sowing in ministry to others (6:6-9)

c. By Living for God's glory (6:10-18)