

## Study: Introduction to Galatians

### Getting Started

We'll be spending the next few months in the book of Galatians. This study is intended to provide just a brief overview of the book. We'll delve deeper into the specific issues as we move through it in smaller chunks.

### *Questions for Discussion*

- Think about the first time you heard the Gospel message. Who or what influenced your understanding of the Gospel?
- How would your understanding of the Gospel be different if you did not have the Bible?

*Read: Book of Galatians*

<b>Author:</b>	<b>Audience:</b>
<b>Major Themes:</b>	<b>Other Items of Note:</b>

- Have you ever witnessed someone in the process of making a colossal mistake? How did you respond and why?

### A Colossal Mistake

This letter is Paul's response to the Galatians making a colossal mistake about the Gospel. They had recently been visited by "agitators". These agitators were asking the churches in Galatia to add Jewish cultural traditions to the practice of their faith in order to validate their salvation. Paul writes this letter to combat the "false teaching" and to defend his apostleship. Paul's central point in Galatians is that salvation is based on trusting Christ and not in fulfilling religious or cultural behaviors.

- What is the central message of the Gospel?
- What false teachings have distracted you in the past from the Gospel?
- What risk is there in losing the central message of the Gospel?
- How can you actively combat the false teachings you encounter?
- What is our community application of this passage?

### Glossary

**Agitators:** Those in the church who spread false teaching about what the Gospel means.

**False Teachings:** Teaching that does not line up with the true Gospel message and Scripture.