

# Message Notes

## Welcome to Galatians

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

### Introduction – Why Galatians?

A book that has changed history...  
and hopefully, us!

New Message Series:  
Jesus + Nothing = Everything  
A study of Galatians

Today's Message: Welcome to Galatians  
Galatians 1:1-5

### Two Cups and a String

Who wrote this letter? (Galatians 1:1a)

Acts 9:1-22

How does Paul describe himself here?  
(Galatians 1:1b-2a)

Who is the letter to? (Galatians 1:2b)  
History of Galatia

When was the letter written?

To which part of the region of Galatia?  
Southern? (Acts 14:20b-25)  
Northern? (Acts 16:6, 18:23)

Where was Paul when he wrote it?

A Greeting (Galatians 1:3)

What does Paul want to clue them about?  
(Galatians 1:4-5)

Paul's Greetings

Romans  
1 Corinthians  
1 Timothy

1. Jesus ALONE covers our sin
2. Jesus ALONE rescues us from evil
3. Jesus obeyed the Father
4. All Glory belongs to God

A thought as we embark on this study and  
move toward communion...

Gospel Application – "Will you allow Jesus +  
NOTHING to resonate with you this week?"

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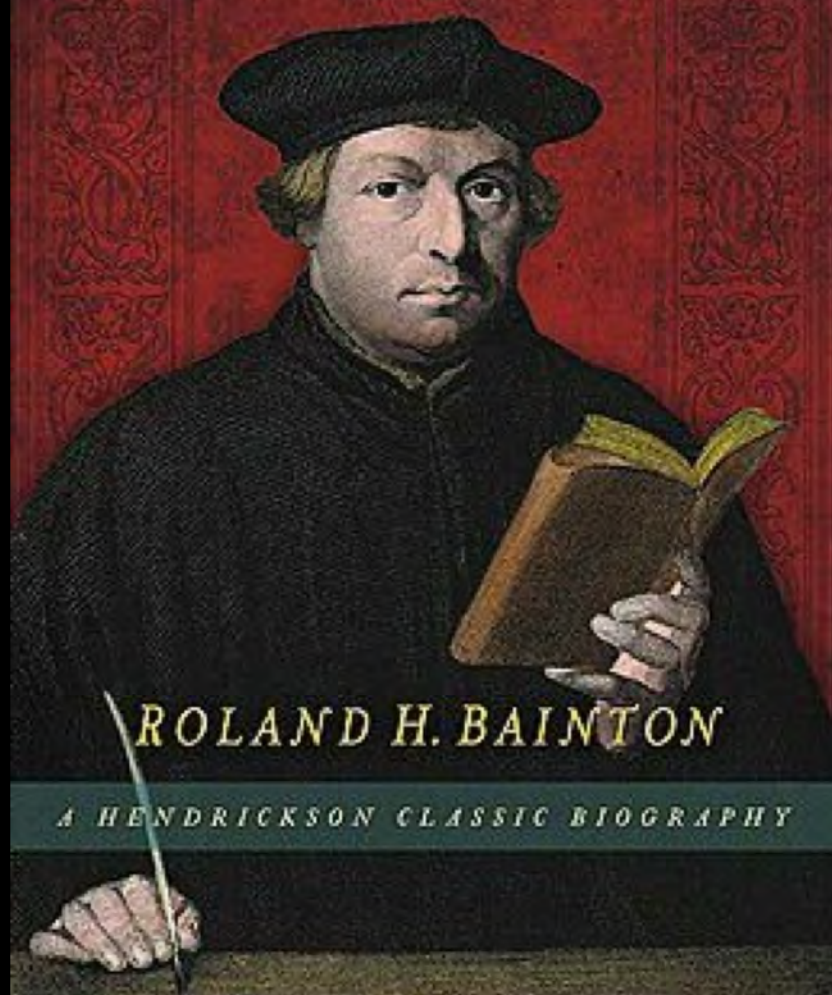
**YOU!**





# HERE I STAND

A LIFE of MARTIN LUTHER



ROLAND H. BAINTON

A HENDRICKSON CLASSIC BIOGRAPHY

“  
The epistle to the Galatians is my  
epistle. To it I am as it were in  
wedlock. It is my Katherine.





**Welcome to**



**Galatians**

“This was the pebble from the brook which, like another David, he went forth to meet the papal giant and smite him in the forehead. In this epistle Luther found the secret of his own deliverance. Taking this as his weapon, he plunged into the fearful conflict with the Papistry and religious materialism of his time.”

~Professor Frederick Godet  
19<sup>th</sup> C Theologian




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A word cloud of religious terms. The largest words are GOD, JESUS, LAW, SPIRIT, FAITH, and CHRIST. Other prominent words include ONE, GOSPEL, FLESH, WORKS, and PROMISE. Smaller words include SON, CHILDREN, BROTHERS, WOMAN, ALSO, NOW, MIGHT, ABRAHAM, GENTILES, JERUSALEM, and many others. The words are arranged in a horizontal, slightly curved shape, with colors ranging from dark blue to brown.


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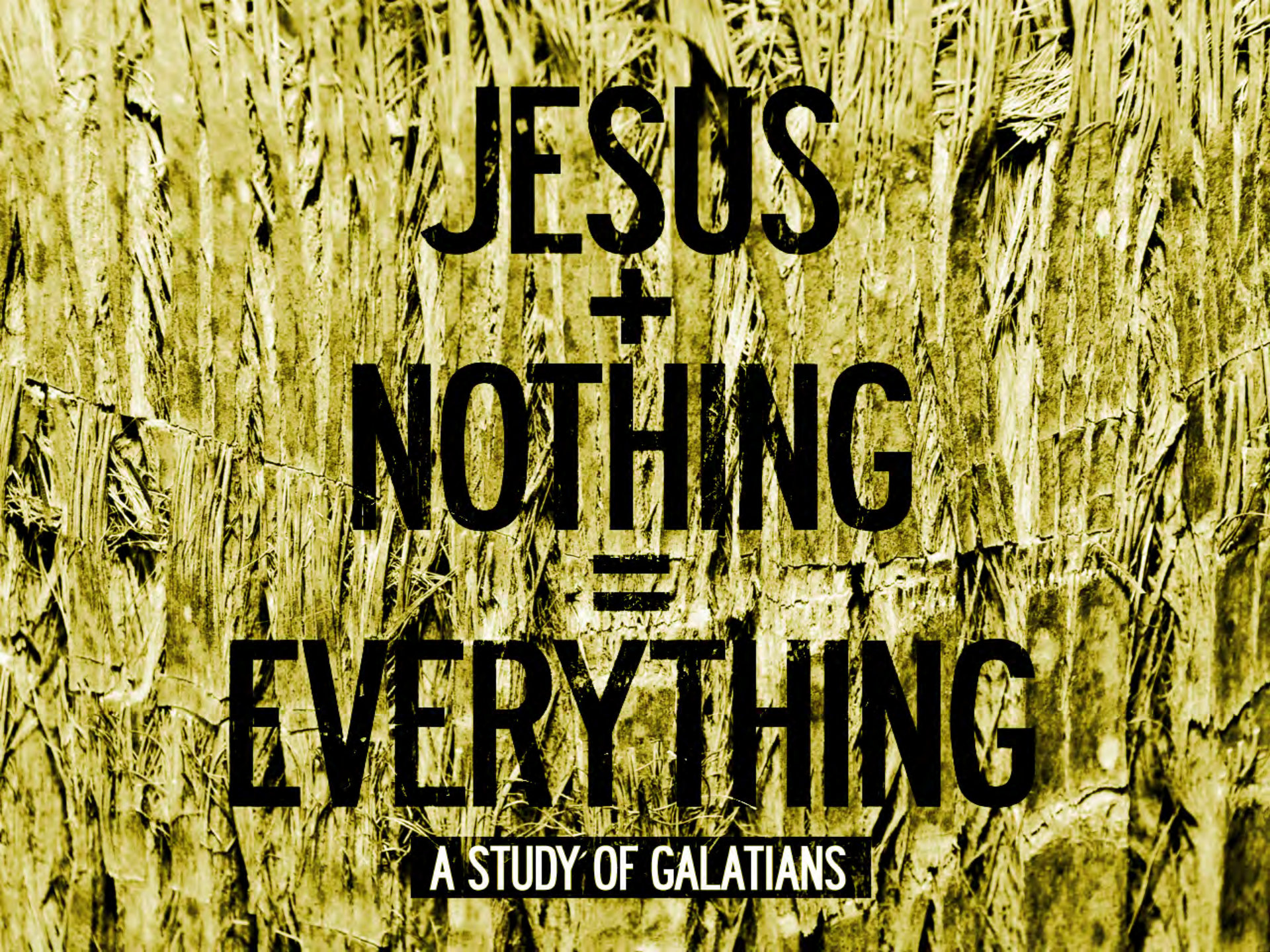


But in this short letter, Paul outlines the bombshell truth that the gospel is the A to Z of the Christian life. It is not only the way to enter the kingdom; it is the way to live as part of the kingdom. It is the way Christ transforms people, churches and communities. We're going to see Paul showing the young Christians in Galatia that their spiritual problem is not only caused by failing to live in obedience to God, but also by relying on obedience to Him. We're going to see him telling them that all they need — all they could ever need — is the gospel of God's unmerited favor to them through Christ's life, death and resurrection.



We're going to hear him solving their issues not through telling them to "be better Christians", but by calling them to live out the implications of the gospel. We're going to watch Paul challenge them, and us, with the simple truth that the gospel is not just the ABC of Christianity, but the A to Z—that Christians need the gospel just as much as non-Christians.

~ Timothy Keller, *Galatians For You*. The Good Book Company.  
(from introductory pages)



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**A STUDY OF GALATIANS**

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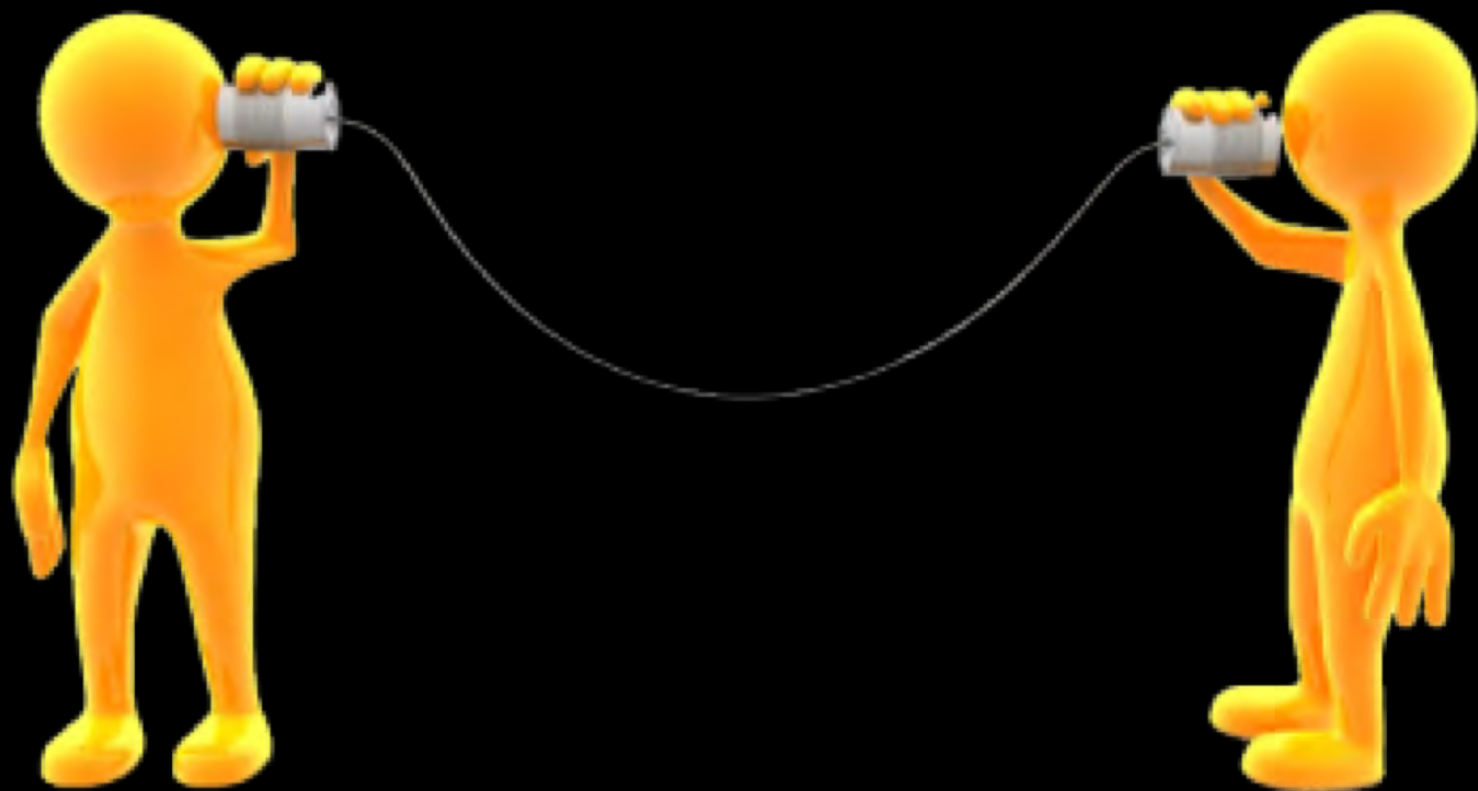


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Propontis

BITHYNIA et PONTUS

REGNUM POLI MON

Ancyra Galatia Tavium

Hellespont

Mysia Troas Assos

Dorylaeum

Pessinus

CAPPADOCIA River Halys

Mitylene Pergamum Thyatira

Philadelphia

CHIOS Smyrna

PHRYGIA

Antioch

Iconium

Ephesus Tralles Hierapolis Colossae

Laodicea

Pisidia Lycaonia

Derbe

CILICIAN GATES ANTIOCH

Miletus

LYCIA

PAMPHYLIA

REGNUM MT. TAURUS

CILICIA

Trogylidium

Perga Attalia

Tarsus

COS Patmos

Patara

Myra

Seleucia Antioch


RHODES

Salmone? Havens

CYPRUS Salamis Paphos

et SYRIA River Orontes

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The people who first became known as Galatians came from the barbarian tribal stock known as Celts, one branch of which Julius Caesar knew in France as the Gauls. Some of these had invaded Macedonia and later Asia Minor in the third century B.C. in order to establish themselves there. In popular speech, these Gauls were distinguished from the West-European Gauls by the term “Gallo-Graecians,” from which the name “Galatians” comes. At first the tribes were dramatically successful. They laid the whole country west of the Taurus river under tribute and, according to Livy (*History of Rome*, 38:16), even forced the Syrian kings to submit for a time to their terms. However, in 230 B.C., the Gauls were decisively defeated by Attalus I, king of Pergamum, and then were increasingly confined to a small territory in the north. This region was the first to become known as Galatia. Its principle cities were Ancyra (now the capital of modern Turkey), Pessinus, and Tavium.

With the coming of the Romans, conditions did not change markedly for these Galatians. True, they were conquered by the Roman Consul Manlius in 189 B.C., but even then they were permitted to maintain much of their independence and to be governed in part by their own princes. This system worked so well from the Roman point of view that later, upon the death of Amyntas, the territory of the Galatians was incorporated into a much larger Roman province to which the old ethnic name, Galatia, was extended. This province, established in 25 B.C., contained the districts of Lycaonia and Isauria as well as portions of Pisidia and Phrygia. In particular, the cities of Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Derbe and Lystra – cities Paul visited on his first missionary journey – belonged to it.

~ James Montgomery Boice, *Galatians*, ed. Frank E. Gaebelin, *The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Romans through Galatians* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1976), page 412.

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**THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL**

ACTS 13:4-14; 28

- City
- Paul's routes
- Via Sebaste





# Southern Galatians?

## Acts 14:20b-25

The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe. <sup>21</sup>They preached the good news in that city 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. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said. <sup>23</sup>Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust. <sup>24</sup>After going through Pisidia, they came into Pamphylia, <sup>25</sup>and when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

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**THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL**  
 ACTS 15:36-18:32

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Via Egnatia
- ⌋ Pass
- ← Route of Paul and Silas

Jerusalem Conference, A.D. 49, (Acts 15:1-30; Gal 2:1-21)



# Northern Galatians?

**Acts 16:6**

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia.





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## Acts 18:23

After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

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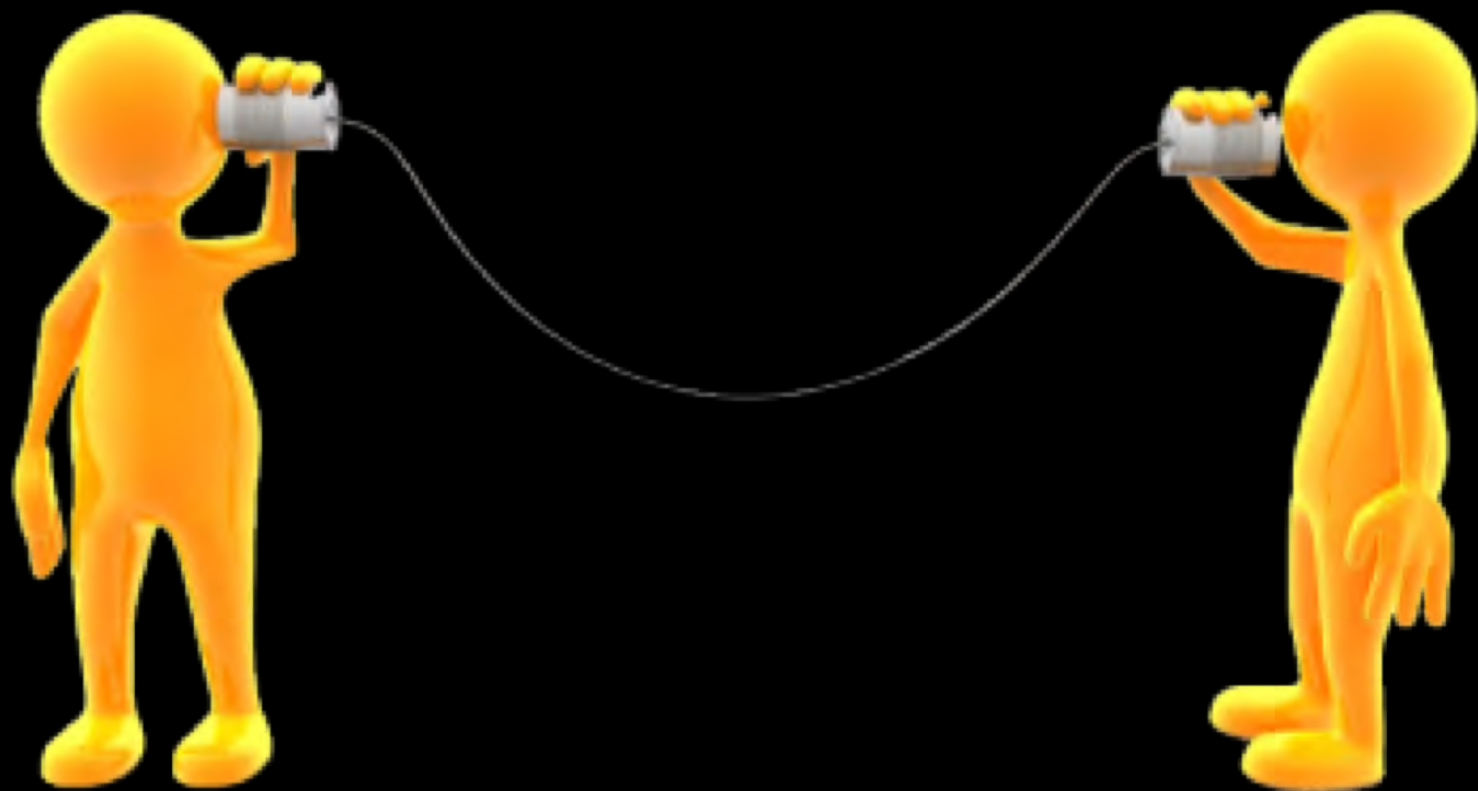
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*Most say he was in Corinth*



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## *A Greeting*

### **Galatians 1:3**

To the churches in Galatia:

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# Paul's "Greetings"

## 1 Corinthians

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:

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## Romans

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God – <sup>2</sup>the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures <sup>3</sup>regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, <sup>4</sup>and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>5</sup>Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. <sup>6</sup>And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:  
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord  
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## 1 Timothy

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

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Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

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# Why bring up that we are sinners, Paul?

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“Let us therefore arm ourselves with these and similar sentences of the Holy Scriptures, so that when the devil tells us we are sinners and therefore damned, we may answer, “Because you say I am a sinner, I will be righteous and saved.” Then the devil will say, “No, you will be damned.” And I will reply, “No, for I fly to Christ who has given himself for my sins. Therefore, Satan, you will not prevail against me when you try to terrify me by telling me how great my sins are and try to reduce me to heaviness, distrust, despair, hatred, contempt, and blasphemy. On the contrary, when you say I am a sinner, you give me armor and weapons against yourself, so that I can cut your throat with your

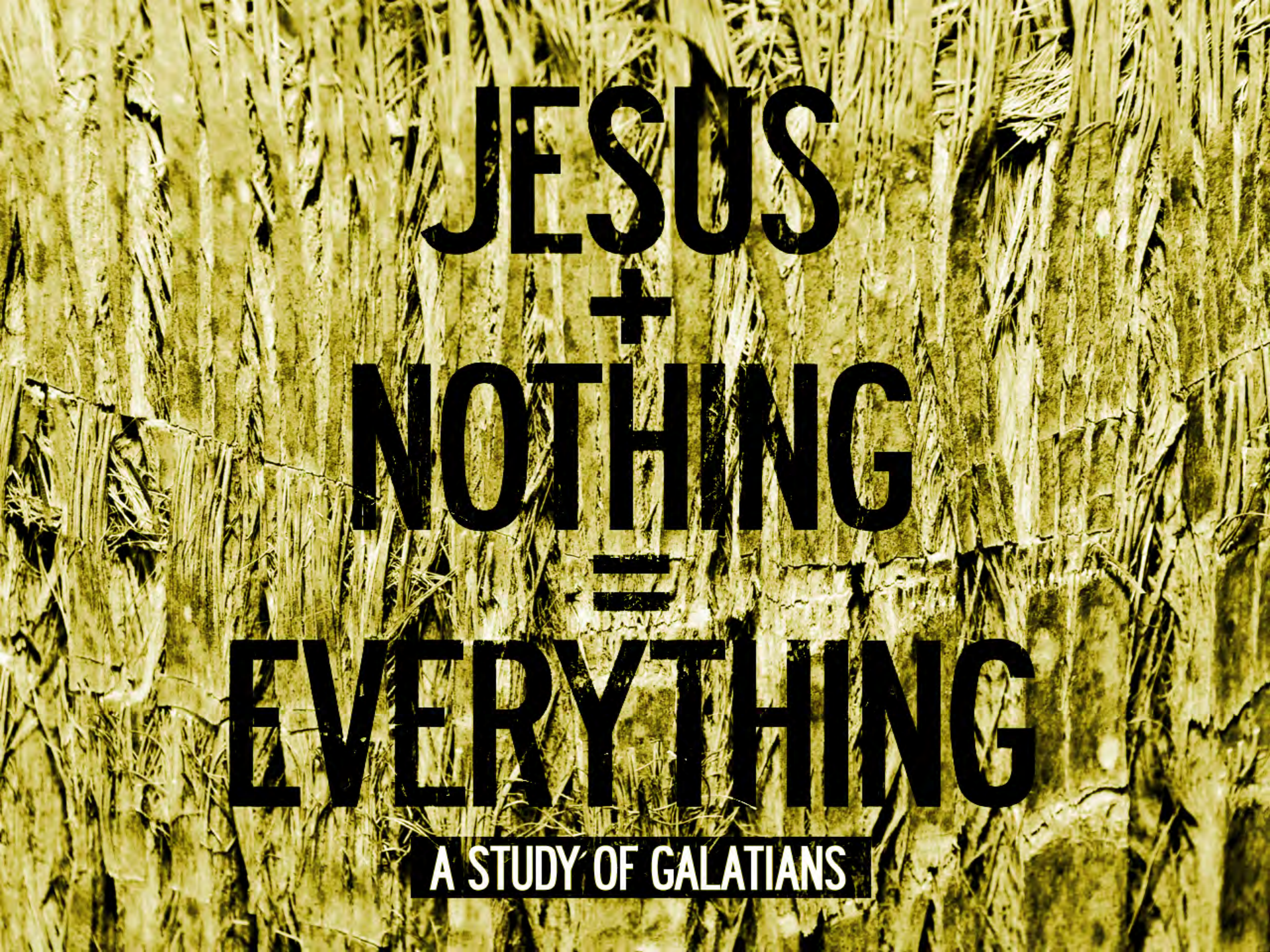
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own sword and tread you under my feet, for Christ died for sinners. Moreover, you yourself preach God's glory to me, for you remind me of God's fatherly love toward me, that 'he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16). And whenever you object that I am a sinner, you remind me of the benefit of Christ my Redeemer. It is on his shoulders, not mine, that all my sins lie, for 'the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all . . . for the transgression of my people he was stricken' (Isaiah 53:6, 8). So when you say I am a sinner, you do not terrify me but comfort me immeasurably."

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**A STUDY OF GALATIANS**

# Gospel Application:

Will you allow Jesus + NOTHING to  
resonate with you this week?

