

Study of Galatians – Introduction **Bellevue Church of Christ – Spring 2012**

Authorship

Galatians 1:1 (ESV) – “Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead”

Recipients

Galatians 1:2 (ESV) “...To the churches of Galatia:”

Likely the churches planted during Paul’s first missionary journey in the Roman province of Galatia in southern Asia Minor (Acts 13, 14). These cities would include Antioch of Pisidia, Lystra, Derbe, and Iconium

Date of Writing

Very difficult to determine, but likely between A.D. 48 and 55

Purpose of Writing

To refute Judaizing teachers who challenged Paul and his teachings. For example:

1. Paul was a “false Apostle”
2. Paul’s teachings were not the “true gospel”
3. Paul’s teachings led to loose living

Do gentile Christians need to observe the ritualistic requirements of the old law (Acts 15)?

Main Ideas in Galatians

- Jesus’ Sacrifice is Sufficient (Salvation is by God’s grace through faith in Jesus...only)
- God’s Laws are Needed (The law cannot bring salvation, but God’s laws are still necessary)
- Our Service is Deserved (A spirit filled life will naturally result in our service to God)

Why Study Galatians?

Notes: