

Outline of Galatians:

- **DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL AND OF PAUL'S AUTHORITY (1:1–2:21).**
- **EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL (3:1–4:31).**
- **APPLICATION OF THE GOSPEL (5:1–6:18).**

Check the Map!



Look at the map provided in this lesson book to trace Paul's steps in the region of Galatia during his 1st missionary journey. Find the cities that Paul visited in Acts 13-14 and write them down below.

Introduction to Galatians

Author: The Apostle Paul

Date: AD 48-58

Let's first understand Paul's purpose in writing Galatians.

- 1 Read Acts 13 & 14 to retrace Paul's steps as he preached in the cities of Galatia. Give examples of:
 - a Acceptance of the gospel by Jews and Gentiles
 - b Rejection of the gospel
 - c Opposition to Paul
 - d Persecution and trials that Paul faced
- 2 Jewish beliefs influenced Paul's letter
 - a Many Jews did not view Christianity as its own religion, but rather just another sect of Judaism (Acts 24:5; 28:22).
 - b What path did some Jews believe that Gentiles had to take in order to be saved (Acts 15:1,5)?
 - i Why would Jews hold such a belief?
 - c Based upon these deeply held convictions, some Jews went on their own "missionary" journeys, to spread the "good news" of salvation through Christ (through Moses).
- 3 Read Acts 15:1-29 – The Council in Jerusalem
 - a Describe the conflict that Paul and Barnabas had with these "Judaizing" teachers (15:1-5).
 - b What reasoning did they use to come to their conclusion (15:6-21).
 - c What was the final decision made by the elders & apostles (15:22-29)?

Put yourself in Paul's sandals:

Think of all that Paul went through in preaching the gospel to the Galatians. How would you have reacted upon hearing that false teachers came in right after you to lead those new brethren into a perverted gospel? You then can see why Paul says what he does in Galatians 5:12!