

## The Book of Galatians Chiastic Structure



**1A)** 1:1-12 Paul's gospel does not **PLEASE MEN** but God;

**1A)** 1:1-5 Paul's apostleship **NOT FROM MEN** but through Jesus Christ;

**1B)** 1:6-7 The men who pervert the gospel of Christ have troubled the Galatians [*i.e.*,  
*They pervert the gospel to be PLEASING TO MEN*];

**CENTRAL AXIS)** 1:8-9 **LET HIM WHO PREACHES A DIFFERENT GOSPEL TO YOU BE ACCURSED;**

**2B)** 1:10 Paul a bondservant of Christ **NOT PLEASING MEN**, but God;

**2A)** 1:11-12 Paul's gospel **NOT FROM MEN** but through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**1B)** 1:13-24 **PAUL'S TESTIMONY** of conversion;

**1A)** 1:13-16a Paul **PERSECUTED** the Church and tried to destroy it, but God called him to preach;

**1B)** 1:16b-17a I did not confer with flesh and blood, **NOR DID I GO TO JERUSALEM** to the apostles before me;

**1C)** 1:17b But **I WENT TO ARABIA**, and returned again to Damascus;

**CENTRAL AXIS)** 1:18-20 **AFTER THREE YEARS I WENT TO JERUSALEM TO SEE PETER FOR 15 DAYS, AND SAW NO ONE ELSE BUT JAMES/ I AM NOT LYING;**

**2C)** 1:21 Afterward **I WENT INTO** the regions of **SYRIA AND CILICIA;**

**2B)** 1:22 And **I WAS UNKNOWN** by face **TO THE CHURCHES OF JUDEA** which were in Christ;

**2A)** 1:23-24 "He who formerly **PERSECUTED** us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy."

**1C)** 2:1-21 God shows **PERSONAL FAVORITISM** to no man;

**1A)** 2:1-2a The **GOSPEL PAUL PREACHED** among the Gentiles;

**1B)** 2:2b He communicated **PRIVATELY** to those who were of reputation;

**1C.1)** 2:3, Titus, being a Greek, was **NOT COMPELLED** to be circumcised;

**1C.2)** 2:4-5 False brothers to whom we did not yield the **TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL;**

**1D)** 2:6a But from **THOSE WHO SEEMED TO BE SOMETHING;**

**CENTRAL AXIS)** 2:6b **GOD SHOWS PERSONAL FAVORITISM TO NO MAN;**

**2D)** 2:6c-10 For **THOSE WHO SEEMED TO BE SOMETHING** added nothing to me but approved me;

**2C.1)** 2:11-12a At first Peter **NOT COMPELLED** to separate from the Gentiles;

**2C.2)** 2:12b-14a Fearing these men, they were not straightforward about the **TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL;**

**2B)** 2:14b Paul reproved Peter **PUBLICLY;**

**2A)** 2:14c-21 The **GOSPEL THAT PAUL PREACHED:** justification by faith, not works.

**1D)** 3:1 O foolish Galatians, **WHO HAS BEWITCHED YOU**, that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ has been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

**1E)** 3:2-5 **BEGUN IN THE SPIRIT**;

**1A)** 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Did you receive the Spirit **BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW, OR BY THE HEARING OF FAITH?**

**1B)** 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in **THE SPIRIT**, are you now made perfect by the flesh?

**CENTRAL AXIS)** 3:4 **HAVE YOU SUFFERED SO MANY THINGS IN VAIN? IF IT BE YET IN VAIN;**

**2B)** 3:5a He therefore that ministers to you **THE SPIRIT**, and works miracles among you;

**2A)** 3:5b Does He do it **BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW, OR BY THE HEARING OF FAITH?**

**1F)** 3:6-22 **TWO COVENANTS**;

**1A)** 3:6-14 **NO ONE IS JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW**, for it is not of faith;

**1A)** 3:6-9 Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness” / Blessing of justification **BY FAITH**;

**1B)** 3:10a Those who seek justification by works of the Law are under **THE CURSE**;

**1C)** 3:10b For he shall continue in all the Law, to **DO THEM**;

**CENTRAL AXIS)** 3:11-12a **NO ONE IS JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW/ “THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH”/ THE LAW IS NOT OF FAITH;**

**2C)** 3:12b But “The man who **DOES THEM** shall live by them;”

**2B)** 3:13 Christ redeemed us from **THE CURSE** of the Law by becoming a curse for us;

**2A)** 3:14 Blessing of Abraham upon the Gentiles in Christ/ The promise of the Spirit **THROUGH FAITH**;

**1B.1)** 3:15 Men do not annul or change **A COVENANT** that has been **CONFIRMED**;

**1B.2)** 3:16a Now to Abraham and his Seed were **THE PROMISES** made;  
**CENTRAL AXIS)** 3:16b **CHRIST IS THE SEED**;

**2B.1)** 3:17 The Law cannot annul the **COVENANT CONFIRMED** 430 years before by God to make the promise null;

**2B.2)** 3:18 God gave the inheritance to Abraham **BY PROMISE**;

**2A)** 3:19-22 If the Law could have given life, it would have [*i.e.*, **THE LAW CANNOT GIVE LIFE**];

**1A)** 3:19-20 The Law was added because of **TRANSGRESSIONS**, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made;

**1B) 3:21a** Is **THE LAW** then against the promises of God?;  
**CENTRAL AXIS) 3:21b** **CERTAINLY THE LAW IS NOT AGAINST THE PROMISES OF GOD;**

**2B) 3:21c** For if **THE LAW** could have given life, it would have;

**2A) 3:22** The Law has **CONFINED ALL UNDER SIN**, that the promise in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe;

**1G) 3:23-4:2** **SONS OF GOD** through faith in Christ;

**1A) 3:23-25** Before faith, we were kept **UNDER GUARD** by the Law, being our tutor to bring us to Christ;

**1B) 3:26** For you are all **SONS OF GOD** through faith in Christ Jesus;

**1C) 3:27** For as many of **YOU** as **WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST** have put on Christ;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 3:28a** **THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, THERE IS NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE, THERE IS NEITHER MALE NOR FEMALE;**

**2C) 3:28b** For **YOU ARE** all one **IN CHRIST JESUS;**

**2B) 3:29** And if you are Christ's, then you are **ABRAHAM'S SEED**, and heirs according to the promise;

**2A) 4:1-2** As long as the heir is a child, he is **UNDER GUARDIANS** and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

**CENTRAL AXIS) 4:3-10** **GOD SENT HIS SON TO REDEEM US AND ADOPT US AS SONS;**

**1A) 4:3** When we were children we were in bondage under the **ELEMENTS OF THE WORLD;**

**1B) 4:4-5** God sent His Son to redeem us that we might be adopted **AS SONS;**

**CENTRAL AXIS) 4:6** **GOD HAS SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO YOUR HEARTS, CRYING OUT, "ABBA, FATHER!";**

**2B) 4:7** You are no longer a slave but **A SON** and an heir of God through Christ;

**2A) 4:8-10** When you did not know God, you served those which are not gods but the weak and **BEGGARLY ELEMENTS.**

**2G) 4:11-20** Labored **IN BIRTH** until Christ;

**1A) 4:11a** **I AM AFRAID FOR YOU;**

**1B) 4:11b** Lest **I HAVE LABORED FOR YOU** in vain;

**1C) 4:12-15** Galatians **ZEALOUS** for Paul;

**1A) 4:12** Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as you are: **YOU HAVE NOT INJURED ME** at all;

**1B) 4:13a** You know how through **INFIRMITY OF THE FLESH;**

**CENTRAL AXIS) 4:13b I PREACHED THE GOSPEL TO YOU AT THE FIRST;**

**2B) 4:14** And my **TEMPTATION** which was **IN MY FLESH** you despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus;

**2A) 4:15** Where is then the blessedness you spoke of? For I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me [*i.e.*, **YOU WOULD HAVE RESTORED ME**];

**CENTRAL AXIS) 4:16 HAVE I THEREFORE BECOME YOUR ENEMY BECAUSE I TELL YOU THE TRUTH?;**

**2C) 4:1-18** They **ZEALOUSLY** court you but not for good; yes, they would exclude you, that you might court them. 18 But it is good to be zealous always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you;

**2B) 4:19** My little children, for **WHOM I LABOR IN BIRTH** again until Christ is formed in you;

**2A) 4:20** I desire to be present with you now, and to change my tone; for **I HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT YOU;**

**2F) 4:21-31 TWO COVENANTS;**

**1A) 4:21-22** Do you not hear the Law? Abraham's two sons, one of **THE BONDWOMAN**, one of **THE FREEWOMAN**;

**1B) 4:23** He who was of the bondwoman was **BORN OF THE FLESH**, and he of the freewoman of the promise;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 4:24-27 TWO COVENANTS: MOUNT SINAI/ HAGAR/ BONDAGE VS. JERUSALEM ABOVE/ OUR MOTHER/ FREEDOM;**

**2B) 4:28-29** He who was **BORN ACCORDING TO THE FLESH** / he who was born according to the Spirit;

**2A) 4:30-31** What does the Scripture say? **THE BONDWOMAN'S SON** shall not be the heir with **THE FREEWOMAN'S SON**;

**2E) 5:1-5 REMAIN IN THE SPIRIT;**

**1A) 5:1a** Stand fast therefore in the **LIBERTY** by which Christ has made us free;

**1B) 5:1b** And do not be entangled again with a yoke of **BONDAGE**;

**1C) 5:2a** Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you **BECOME CIRCUMCISED**;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 5:2b CHRIST WILL PROFIT YOU NOTHING;**

**2C) 5:3a** And I testify again to every man who **BECOMES CIRCUMCISED**;

**2B) 5:3b-4** That he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you

have fallen from grace [*i.e., He who attempts to be justified by Law becomes a DEBTOR to keep the whole Law*];

**2A) 5:5** For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of  
**RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH;**

**2D) 5:6-13 WHO HINDERED YOU? WHO TROUBLES YOU?**

**1A) 5:6** For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision avails any thing, nor  
uncircumcision; but faith which works **BY LOVE;**

**1B.1) 5:7** You ran well; **WHO HINDERED YOU** that you should not obey the truth?

**1B.2) 5:8** This persuasion does not come of **HIM WHO CALLED YOU;**

**CENTRAL AXIS) 5:9 A LITTLE LEAVEN LEAVENS THE WHOLE LUMP;**

**2B.1) 5:10-12** He **WHO TROUBLES YOU;**

**2B.2) 5:13a** For, brothers, **YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED** to liberty; only do not use  
liberty for an occasion to the flesh;

**2A) 5:13b** But **BY LOVE** serve one another;

**2C) 5:14-6:10** Let each one examine himself, because God is not a **RESPECTER OF  
PERSONS;**

**1A) 5:14-15** The Law is fulfilled in one word: “**YOU SHALL LOVE** your neighbor as  
yourself.” 15 Beware lest you bite, devour, and are consumed by one  
another;

**1B) 5:16-26** The lust of **THE FLESH VS.** the fruit of **THE SPIRIT;**

**1A.1) 5:16a WALK IN THE SPIRIT;**

**1A.2) 5:16b** And you shall not fulfill the **LUST OF THE FLESH;**

**1B) 5:17** For the **FLESH LUSTS** against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the  
flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the  
things that you wish;

**1C) 5:18, THE SPIRIT IS NOT AGAINST THE LAW;**

**1D) 5:19-21a** The **WORKS OF THE FLESH;**

**CENTRAL AXIS) 5:21b THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS WILL NOT INHERIT THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD;**

**2D) 5:22-23a** The **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT;**

**2C) 5:23b THE LAW IS NOT AGAINST THE SPIRIT;**

**2B) 5:24** Those who are Christ’s have crucified **THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS**  
and desires;

**2A.1) 5:25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also **WALK IN THE SPIRIT;**

**2A.2) 5:26** Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying  
one another [*i.e., conceit, provocation, envy all LUSTS OF THE FLESH*];

**1C) 6:1** You who are spiritual **RESTORE** in gentleness;

**1D) 6:2 BEAR ONE ANOTHER’S BURDENS;**

**1E) 6:3 THE MAN WHO IS NOTHING** deceives himself;  
**CENTRAL AXIS) 6:4a BUT LET EACH ONE EXAMINE HIS OWN WORK;**  
**2E) 6:4b THE MAN WHO IS SOMETHING** has reason to rejoice;  
**2D) 6:5 FOR EACH ONE SHALL BEAR HIS OWN LOAD;**  
**2C) 6:6** Let the taught **SHARE GOOD** with the teacher;  
**2B) 6:7-8** Sowing to **THE FLESH VS.** sowing to **THE SPIRIT;**  
**2A) 6:9-10** And let us not grow weary while **DOING GOOD**, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, **LET US DO GOOD** to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith;

**2B) 6:11** See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! [*i.e., Paul's personal TESTIMONY*];

**2A) 6:12-18** The circumcision party are **MEN-PLEASERS;**

**1A) 6:12a** As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not **SUFFER PERSECUTION;**

**1B.1) 6:12b** For the **CROSS OF CHRIST;**

**1B.2) 6:13a** For not even those who are circumcised keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised [*i.e., Those who are CIRCUMCISED DO NOT KEEP THE LAW*];

**1C) 6:13b** That **THEY MAY BOAST;**

**CENTRAL AXIS) 6:13c** **IN YOUR FLESH;**

**2C) 6:14a** But **GOD FORBID** that **I SHOULD BOAST;**

**2B.1) 6:14b** Except in the **CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world;

**2B.2) 6:15** For in Christ Jesus **NEITHER CIRCUMCISION NOR UNCIRCUMCISION AVAILS ANYTHING**, but **A NEW CREATION;**

**2A) 6:16-18** The marks of the Lord Jesus [*i.e., Received when PERSECUTED*];

**1A) 6:16** And as many as walk according to this rule, **PEACE AND MERCY BE UPON THEM**, and upon the Israel of God;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 6:17** **FROM NOW ON LET NO ONE TROUBLE ME, FOR I BEAR IN MY BODY THE MARKS OF THE LORD JESUS;**

**2A) 6:18** Brothers, the **GRACE** of our Lord Jesus Christ **BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT.** Amen.