

# Read the New Testament in a Year

## Supporting Notes & Questions

Week beginning Monday 12th April 2021...continued

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### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Galatians Chapter 1

The book was written to the church of Galatia around 55-60A.D.

The book is split into four parts: Greetings, Experience, Defending doctrine and Warnings and Instructions.

**Greetings:** Galatians 1:1-9.

This is just Paul's usual start to most of his letters, but, how nice it is to start with greeting people and saying how much you feel for them. How often do you greet people and tell them how great it is to see them? Maybe it is something we should think about.

**Experience:** Galatians 1:10-23.

10-16. The gospel he preaches comes from a direct revelation from Jesus.

17-23. He worked independently from the other disciples and the church in Jerusalem.



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### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Galatians Chapter 2

1-5. His ministry was with the Gentiles.

7-14. This was endorsed by the church, but there still were issues with Peter.

Paul carries on explaining his experiences and conversion. Testimony is a great thing, we all have a story to tell, no matter how mundane it may seem to us, it could be precious to others.

**Defending the beliefs:** 15-21. By showing the errors of Christian Jews abandoning the faith and returning to the law Paul now starts to defend the gospel, to uphold its truths and justification to the church. We sometimes will come into contact with people who want to make us stumble, but Paul shows us that we must defend what we believe in.

It is important to us all that we defend our gospel because it is a gospel worth defending.

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Galatians Chapter 3

1-9. By appealing to former experiences to Galatians and by using Abraham has an example of faith

10-26. By showing that the law does not in any cancel or undermine their faith.

This whole chapter Paul uses his knowledge of doctrine to show that the gospel is true and sound. Paul shows us that deeper understanding of God's word can be a good tool to use for the gospel. How often do we study the word in a deeper way, how often do we just read our bible notes, then put them down and truly reflect on what we have read and what kind of impact it may have on our lives.

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### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. **Galatians Chapter 4**

1-11. By showing the loss of those who surrender their faith to the law, he uses inheritance as an example.  
11-16. They have lost a sense of what was done in the name of belief  
19-31. They risk going back to their old ways and not becoming children of the promise of God.

How easy is it to look back at what we thought were good times, instead of focusing on the way ahead of our faith? How often have you looked back instead of looking forward?

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. **Galatians Chapter 5**

1-6. He warns them they may lose what they have gained through Christ  
7-13. Warnings against false teachers  
17-21. The warnings of the flesh  
22-26. How God gives fruits to enhance our Christian walk

There are times in our walk with God when we come up against people who seem to convince about our faith, some are genuine some are not. We need to be aware of the people.  
God has given gifts and fruits to help us on our way we need to use them and maybe ask God to enhance those that have not been really used.

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. **Galatians Chapter 6**

1-9. Characteristics of a spiritual life  
12-17. Contrasting the difference between false teachings and the teachings of Christ.

As humans we sometimes need instructions on how we live a life.  
Do these simple instructions help you to live a life that is worthy, or do you need to check and see in what areas of your life need changing.

