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GALATIANS
STAND
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OF GRACE


GALATIANS, Introduction
1:1-5
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- 1:6, *“I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you…”*
- 1:8, *“…he is to be accursed!”*
- 1:9, *“…he is to be accursed!”*
- 3:1, *“You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you,…”*
- 3:3 , *“Are you so foolish?...”*
- 5:4, *“You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”*
- 5:7, *“You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?”*

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J. Vernon McGee - *"Galatians has been called the "Magna Carta" of the early church, the manifesto of Christian liberty, the impregnable citadel, and a veritable Gibraltar against any attack on the heart of the Gospel."*

Warren Wiersbe - *"Galatians is a dangerous book. It exposes the most popular substitute for spiritual living that we have in our churches today - legalism"*

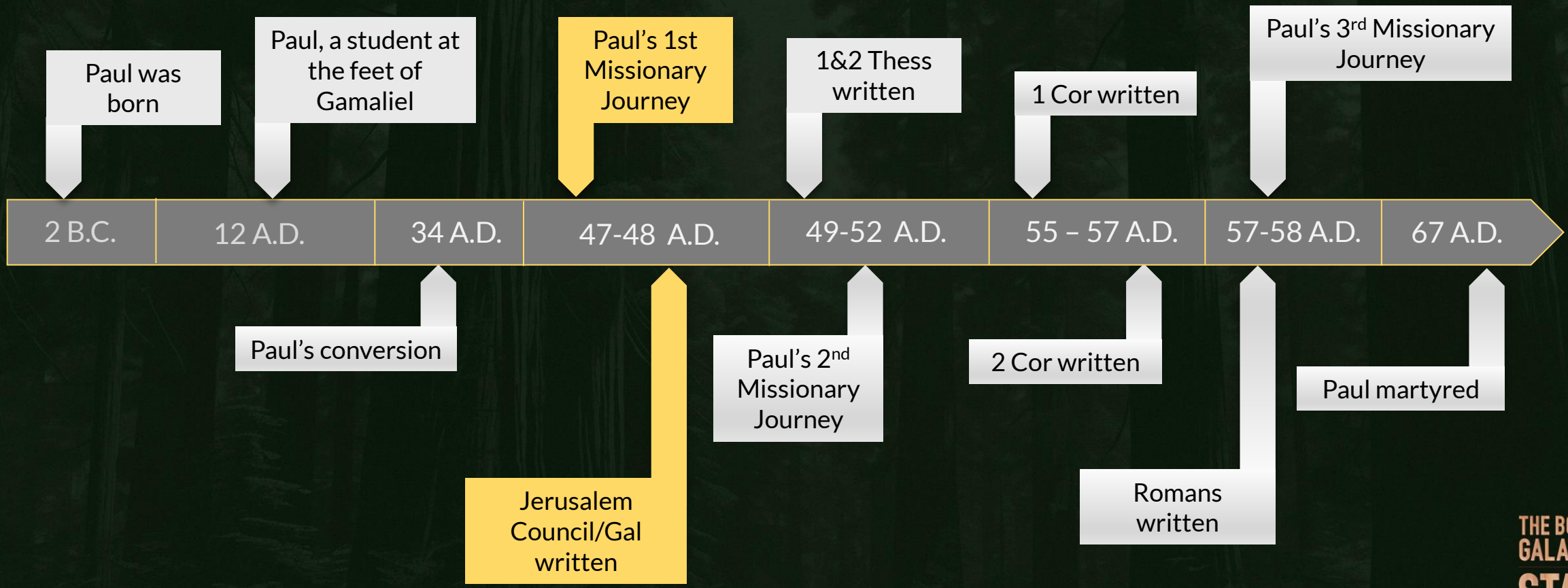
Martin Luther – *It is "my Kaethe" he said. I have betrothed myself to it.*

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“the righteous man shall live by faith.”

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Paul's life - TIMELINE



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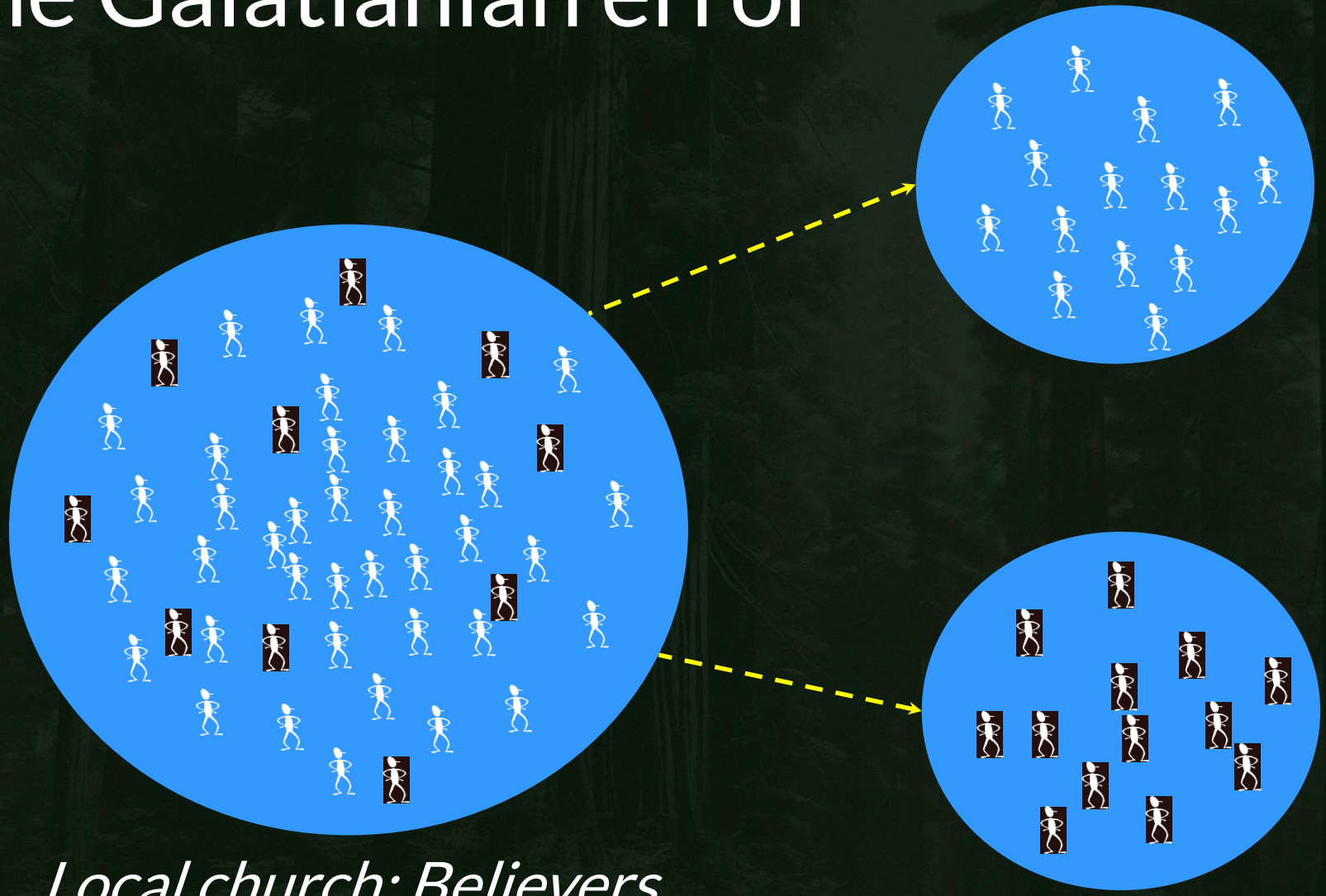
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“Being wrong about Jesus and the gospel is to be wrong about everything else”

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The Galatianian error



Local church: Believers + Unbelievers

Believers: Saved by grace, but need to keep the law

Unbelievers: Need to believe in Jesus + keep the law in order to be saved

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Works, law

Salvation by faith

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Salvation by works

True Gospel

False Gospel

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Today's Galatianian error

Faith + plus works for *salvation*:

1. Catholicism
2. Church of Christ
3. "New Perspective on Paul"

Faith plus works for *sanctification*:

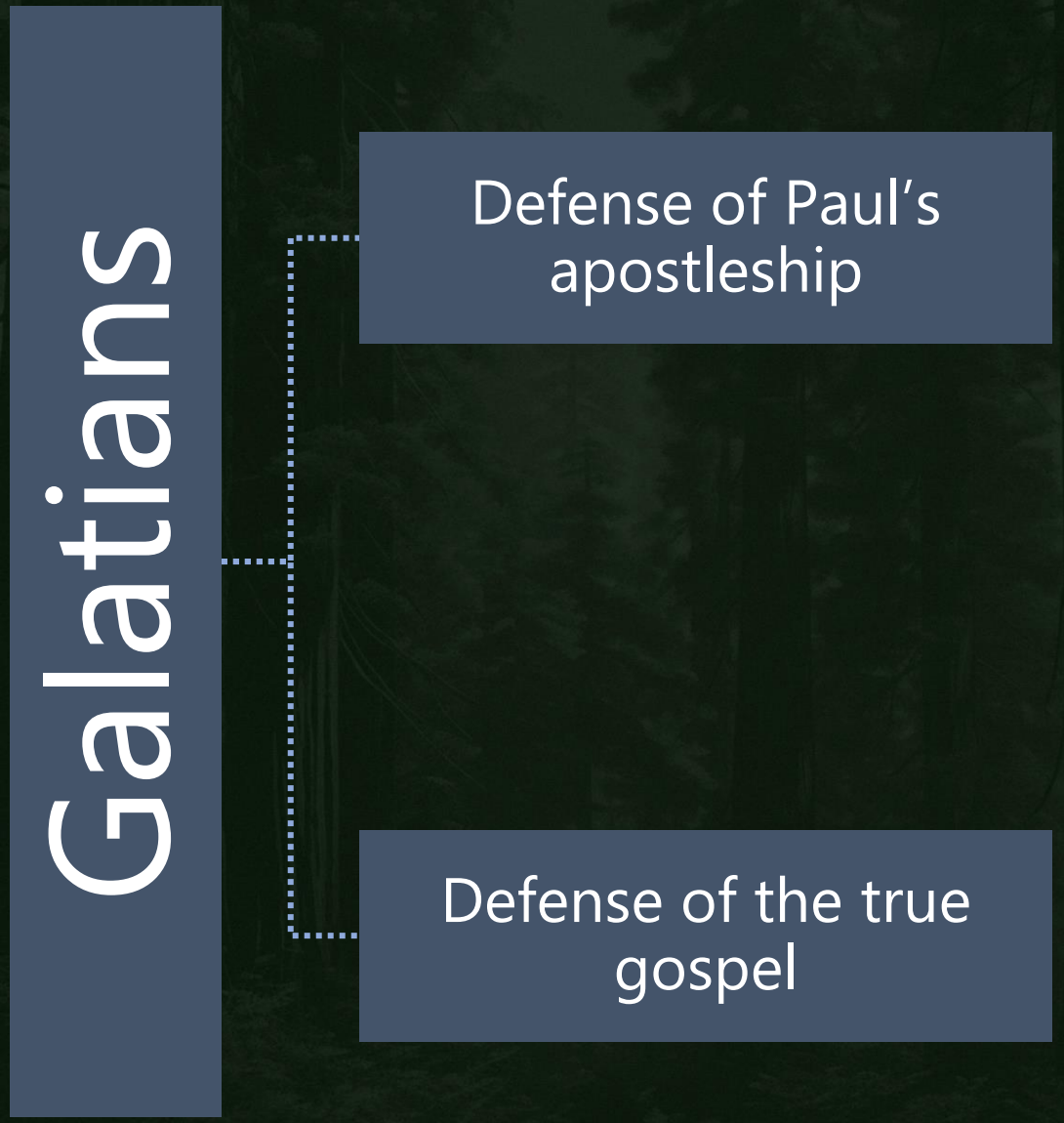
1. Sanctification by good works
2. Salvation could be lost
3. Check-box culture
4. Christ + some experience

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Theme:
"The true Gospel brings freedom"

Theme verse:
"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. (Gal. 5:1)"



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Outline *(high level)*

I. The True gospel defended (1-2) → Personal

II. The True gospel explained (3-4) → Doctrinal

III. The True gospel applied (5-6) → Practical

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Outline

I. The True gospel defended (1:1-2:21)

a) Greetings (1:1-1:5)
b) The distortion of the true gospel (1:6-1:9)
c) The revelation and affirmation of the true gospel (1:10-2:10)
d) The hypocrisy of Peter (2:11-2:14)
e) Justification is by faith, not by works (2:15-2:21)

II. The True gospel explained (3:1-4:31)

a) Righteousness comes through faith, not works (3:1-14)
b) The relationship between the law and the promise (3:15-3:29)
c) Not slaves but heirs in Christ (4:1-4:11)
d) Become as I am: Paul's heartfelt cry (4:12-4:20)
e) The allegory of the bondwoman and the free woman (4:21-4:31)

III. The True gospel applied (5:1-6:18)

a) Stand firm in the freedom won by Christ (5:1-5:15)
b) Walk by the Spirit, not by the flesh (5:16-6:10)
c) Boast in the freedom of the cross (6:11-6:18)

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Gal 1:1-5

- **v.1** Paul, an apostle (not *sent* from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),
- **v.2** and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:
- **v.3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
- **v.4** who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
- **v.5** to whom *be* the glory forevermore. Amen.

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