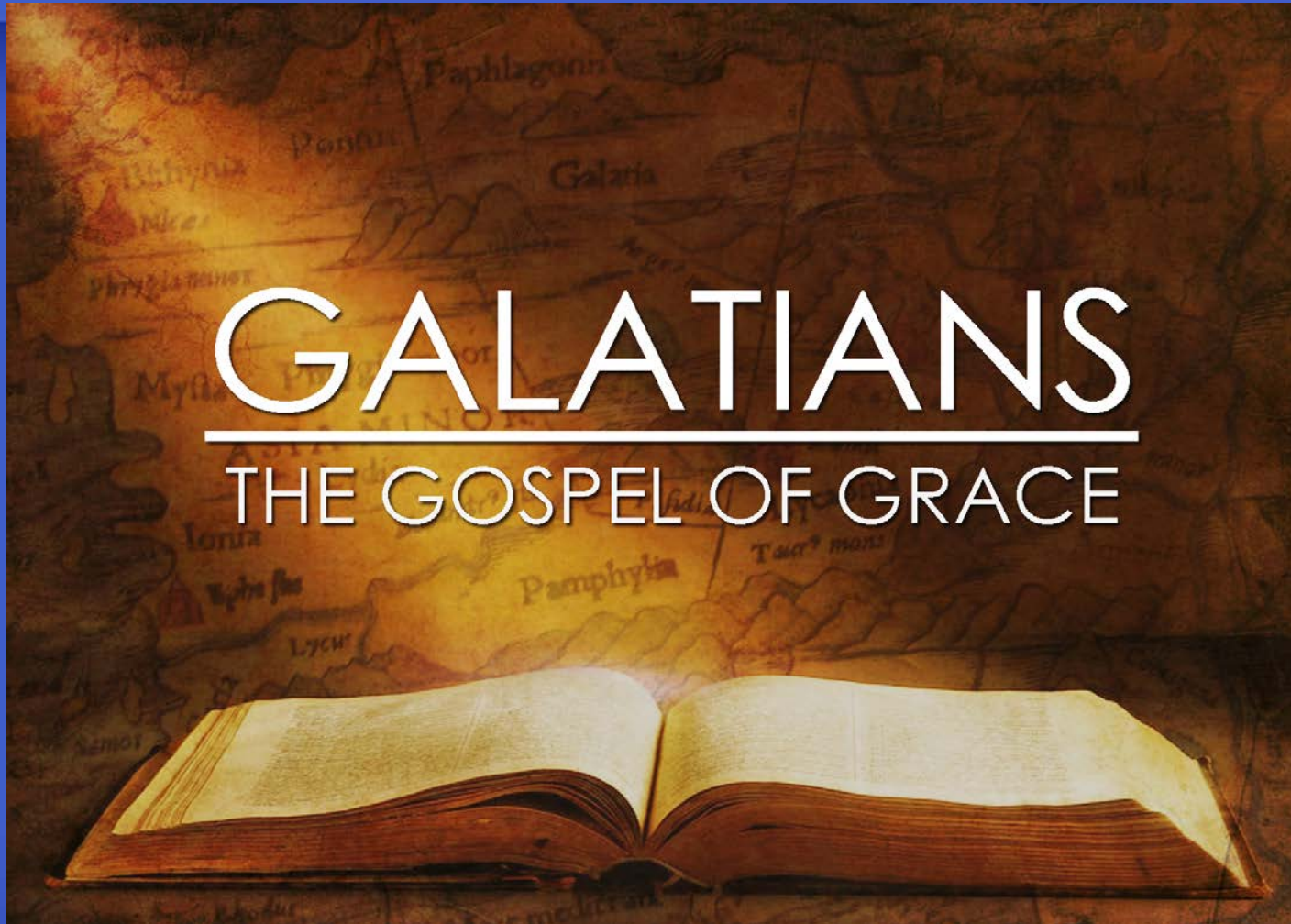


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# Paul's Epistle to the Galatians!

**The Text:**

***Galatians 4:21-31!***

**The Title:**

**The Law Points to Justification by  
Faith!**

**The Theme:**

***God's Gospel of Grace!***

# Paul Writes this Letter for Three Reasons:

1ST / Chapters 1&2 / **Personal**: To defend Paul's calling as God's  
**MESSENGER!**

2ND / Chapters 3&4 / **Polemic**: To defend God's gospel  
**MESSAGE!**

3RD / Chapters 5&6 / **Practical**: To defend the  
**MINISTRY!**

## An Overview of Chapter Four:

I.(4:1-31) Paul Contrasts the Difference Between Faith and Works.

A. (vs.1-11) The Law Condemns (slaves)  
While Faith Liberates (sons)!

B. (vs.12-20) The Proof is Found in Our Past  
Experience or Time Together!

C. (vs.21-31) The Law Points to Our

# Today's Sermon Outline:

Chapter 4 / Verses 21-31

The Law Proclaimed The Superiority of God's Love!

- I. (4:21-23) The Historical **OBSERVATION**: What Do You See?
  
- II. (4:24-28) The Allegorical **INTERPRETATION**: What Does It Mean?
  
- III. (4:29-31) The Personal **APPLICATION**: What Should I Do?

# *Lessons to Ponder from Today's Sermon!*

**1. When it comes to our understanding of law and grace, we have to choose. So get off the fence!**

We cannot continue to fluctuate between rules and faith, jumping back and forth in our approach to God. Either we come to God His way, or we do not come to Him at all (Ephesians 2:8-9).

**1. Once we stop fence-straddling, we will realize how incompatible law and grace really are!**

The freed life can't survive the structured demands of rule-centered living. Conversely, law-keeping cannot maintain a grip on a truly liberated life. As Christians we are called to a life of freedom. So let's start living it today! In the next section of Paul's letter, he will begin to teach us how to do this.