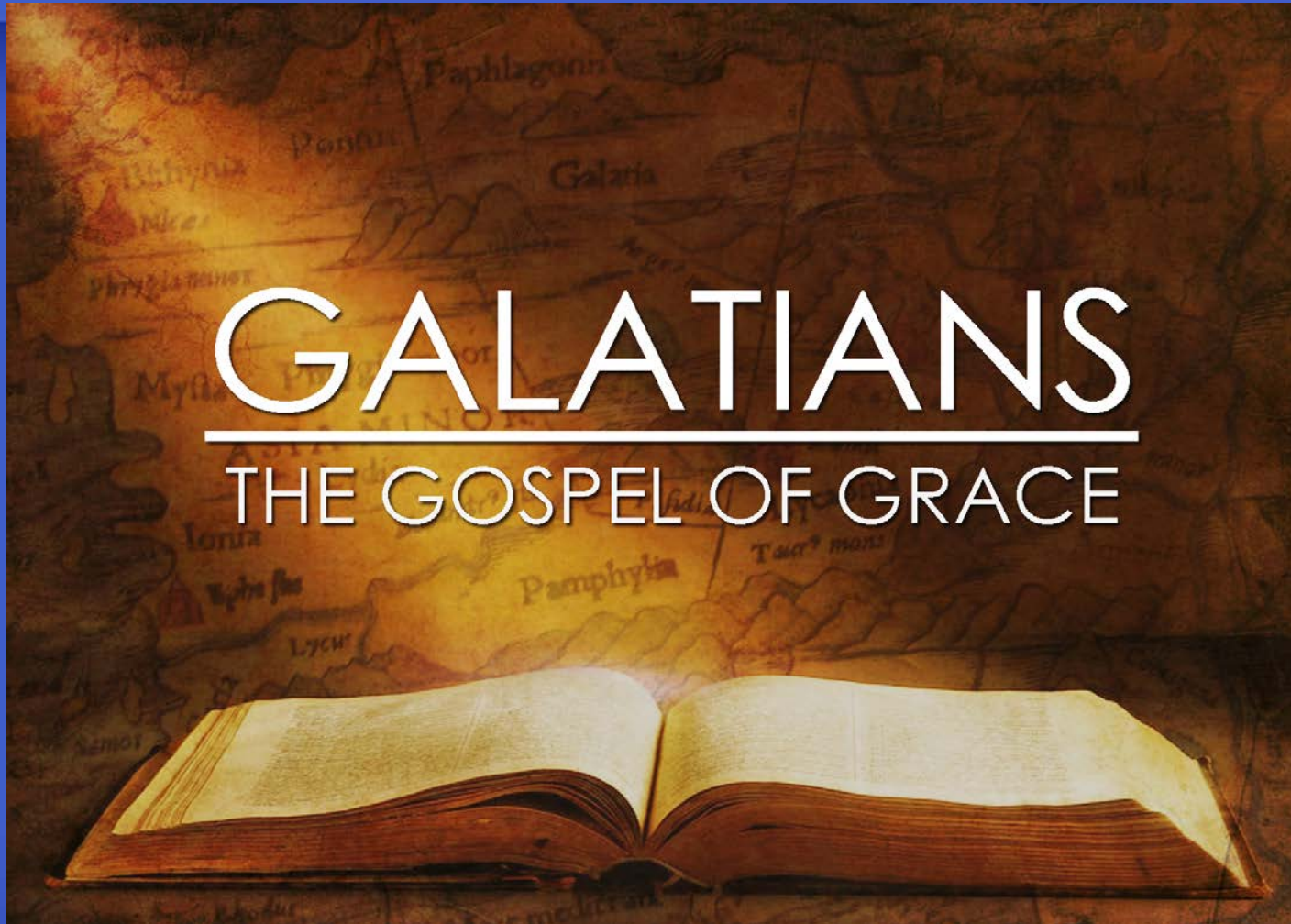


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# Paul's Epistle to the Galatians!

**The Text:**

***Galatians 5:1-12!***

**The Title:**

**Do Not Return to the Law!**

**The Theme:**

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

# Paul Writes this Letter for Three Reasons:

Chapters 1&2 / Personal:

To defend Paul's calling as God's **MESSENGER!**

Chapters 3&4 / Polemic:

To defend God's gospel **MESSAGE!**

Chapters 5&6 / Practical:

To defend Paul's **MINISTRY!**

In The Third and Final Section:

Paul Reveals How  
Justification By Faith  
Relates to the  
Christian Life:

1. (5:1-12) How

# Today's Sermon Outline:

## Do Not Return to the Law!

(There's No Going Back!)

### I. (5:1-12) How Faith Relates to Christian Liberty!

#### A. (5:1-6) A Warning Against **False Doctrine**:

1. (vs.1-2) Returning to the Law **REJECTS** God's Grace.
2. (v.3) Returning to the Law **REVEALS** Man's Debt.
3. (vs.4-6) Returning to the Law **RENOUNCES** Christ's Love.

#### B. (5:7-12) A Warning Against **False Teachers**:

1. (vs.7-10) Returning to the Law **RETARDS** Christian Progress.
2. (vs.11-12) Returning to the Law **REMOVES** the offense of the Cross.

*Let's ask ourselves some questions that can guide us towards retaining and exercising our Christian liberty!*

1. **How highly do I value my freedom in Christ?** Is it more precious to me than money, home, family, job or reputation? If not why not?
2. **How strongly do I resist having my freedom stolen?** Do I submit to rules that strap me down spiritually, stopping or even reversing my Christian growth? If so why? What can I do to regain my liberty?
3. **How tolerant am I of other Christians and their exercise of freedom?** Do I insist that fellow believers adopt my use of freedom? Or do I allow them the opportunity to express their liberty within the wider boundaries of the sacred Scriptures?
4. **How fully do I enjoy the benefits of my freedom?** Do I derive satisfaction from serving God and others freely rather than under compulsion?