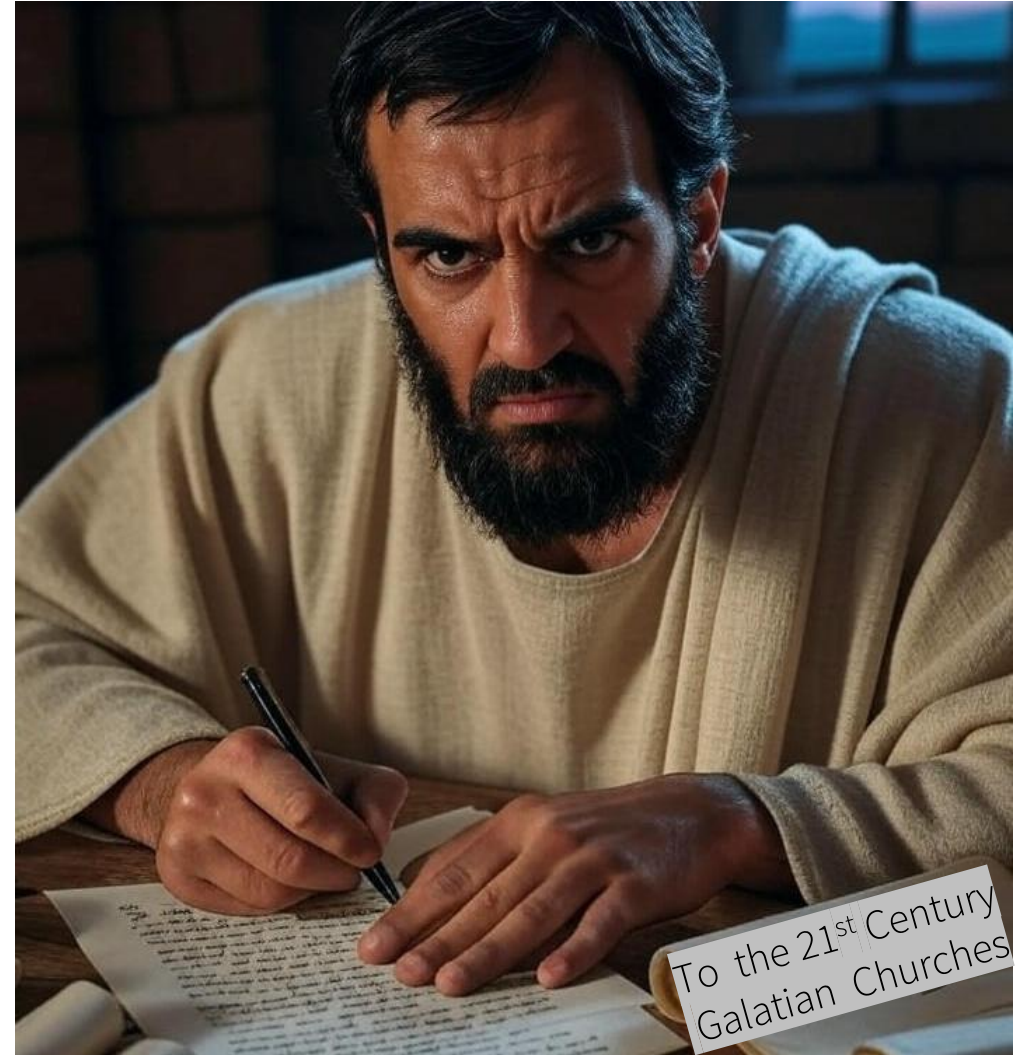


# Galatians:

A 1<sup>st</sup> Century Rebuke  
to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Problems

## Verse-By-Verse



To the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Galatian Churches



# The 1<sup>st</sup> Century Historical Context

# The Pagan Mindset

Keep The Peace By Spiritually Mixing



# The Pagan Mindset

## Keep The Peace By Spiritually Mixing

“About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the Way. For a man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen. These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, “Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods.”

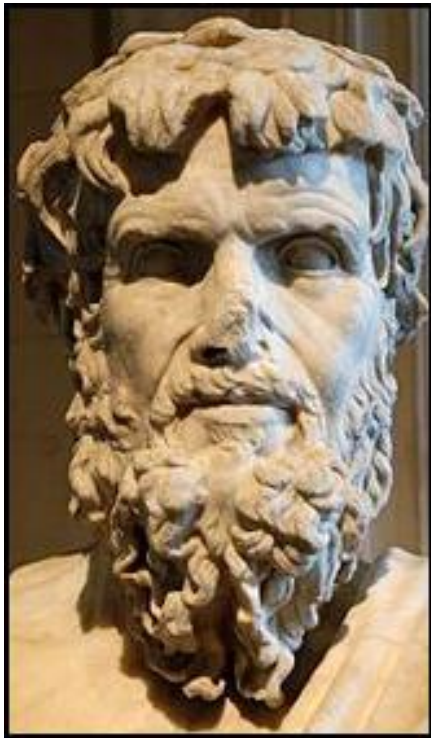
And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be counted as nothing, and that she may even be deposed from her magnificence, she whom all Asia and the world worship.” When they heard this they were enraged and were crying out, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

- Acts 19:23-28 ESV



# The Pagan Mindset

## Keep The Peace By Spiritually Mixing



"If these idols are nothing, what harm will there be in taking part in the feast? On the other hand, if they are demons, it is certain that they too are God's creatures, and that we must believe in them, sacrifice to them according to the laws, and pray to them that they may be propitious."

... "If this is the case, what harm is there in gaining the favour of the rulers of the earth, whether of a nature different from ours, or human princes and kings? For these have gained their dignity through the instrumentality of demons."

- 2nd Century Celsus Quoted By Origen's 3rd Century Against Celsus Book 8 CHAP. XXIV (24) and Book 8 CHAP. LXIII (63)

# The Jewish Mindset

Under The Law = Written + Oral Law For Salvation



- Torah + Oral Law
- Works-based salvation

# The Jewish Mindset

## Under The Law = Written + Oral Law For Salvation



“What I would now explain is this, that the Pharisees have delivered to the people a great many observances by succession from their fathers, which are not written in the laws of Moses; and for that reason it is that the Sadducees reject them, and say that we are to esteem those observances to be obligatory which are in the written word, but are not to observe what are derived from the tradition of our forefathers.

And concerning these things it is that great disputes and differences have arisen among them, while the Sadducees are able to persuade none but the rich, and have not the populace obsequious to them, but the Pharisees have the multitude on their side.” – 1<sup>st</sup> Century Josephus, The Antiquities of the Jews, 13.297–13.298

# The Jewish Mindset

## Under The Law = Written + Oral Law For Salvation



- Torah + Oral Law
- Works-based salvation

“(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” - Mark 7:3-5 ESV

koinais	chersin	esthiousin	ton	arton
κοιναῖς	χερσὶν	ἐσθίουσιν	τὸν	ἄρτον
with unwashed	hands	eat	the	bread

“And when we were carried away captives to Nineve, all my brethren and those that were of my kindred did eat of the bread of the Gentiles. But I kept myself from eating; Because I remembered God with all my heart.”  
- Tobit 1:10-11 KJV



# The Jewish Mindset

## Under The Law = Written + Oral Law For Salvation



- Torah + Oral Law
- Works-based salvation

“And he (*Peter*) said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean” - Acts 10:28 ESV

“To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law (*Written + Oral Law For Salvation*) I became as one under the law (*Written + Oral Law For Salvation*) (though not being myself under the law) (*Written + Oral Law For Salvation*) that I might win those under the law (*Written + Oral Law For Salvation*).

To those outside the law (*Written + Oral Law For Salvation*) I became as one outside the law (*Written + Oral Law For Salvation*) (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) (*Messianic Judaism*) that I might win those outside the law” - 1st Corinthians 9:20-21 ESV

# The Jewish Mindset

## Circumcision = In Covenant With God



- Torah + Oral Law
- Works-based salvation

“there is an element of disgrace associated with the foreskin. Rabbi Yishmael says: So great is the mitzva of circumcision that thirteen covenants were sealed with regard to it, for the word covenant appears thirteen times in the biblical passage that discusses circumcision (Genesis, chapter 17). Rabbi Yosei says: So great is the mitzva of circumcision that it overrides the strict halakhot of Shabbat, as circumcision is performed even if the eighth day following the birth of a son occurs on Shabbat, despite the fact that circumcision violates the prohibition of labor on Shabbat. Rabbi Yehoshua ben Korḥa says: Great is the mitzva of circumcision, as is evident from the fact that the punishment of Moses the righteous for not circumcising his son when he was capable of doing so was not postponed for even a full hour (see Exodus 4:24–26). Rabbi Nehemya says: So great is the mitzva of circumcision that it overrides the prohibitions associated with leprosy. If leprosy is found on the foreskin of an infant, although it is generally prohibited to cut the afflicted area, it is permitted to do so to perform the mitzva of circumcision. Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi says: So great is the mitzva of circumcision that despite all the mitzvot that Abraham our Patriarch did, he was not called wholehearted until he circumcised himself, as it is stated at the time that the mitzva was given to him: “Walk before Me and you should be wholehearted” (Genesis 17:1). Alternatively, so great is the mitzva of circumcision that if not for it the Holy One, Blessed be He, would not have created His world, as it is stated: “Thus says the Lord: If My covenant be not with day and night, I would not have appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth” (Jeremiah 33:25), and the covenant that exists day and night is the covenant of circumcision, as it is always found on the person’s body.” -3rd Century Mishnah Nedarim 3 (Koren – Steinsaltz)

# The Jewish Mindset

## Circumcision = In Covenant With God



- Torah + Oral Law
- Works-based salvation

“All Israel have a portion in the world to come, for it says, “Your people, all of them righteous, shall possess the land for ever; They are the shoot that I planted, my handiwork in which I glory” (Isaiah 60:21). And these are the ones who have no portion in the world to come: He who maintains that resurrection is not a biblical doctrine, that the torah was not divinely revealed, and an epikoros.” - 3rd Century Mishnah Sanhedrin 10 (Dr. Joshua Kulp)

“But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” - Acts 15:1 ESV

# The Gospel of Grace

## Salvation By Grace Through Faith Alone & Freedom From Man-Made Religion



# The Gospel of Grace

## Salvation By Grace Through Faith & Freedom From Man-Made Religion



... “But we believe that we (*Jews*) will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they (*Gentiles*) will.” - Acts 15:11 ESV

“testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” - Acts 20:21-24 ESV



# The Gospel of Grace

## Salvation By Grace Through Faith & Freedom From Man-Made Religion



“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances,

3588 [e]	3551 [e]	3588 [e]	1785 [e]	1722 [e]	1378 [e]
ton	nomon	tōn	entolōn	en	dogmasin
τὸν	νόμον	τῶν	ἐντολῶν	ἐν	δόγμασιν
the	law	-	of commandments	in	ordinances

# The Gospel of Grace

## Salvation By Grace Through Faith & Freedom From Man-Made Religion



... that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,” - Ephesians 2:8-19 ESV

“For I bear them witness that they (*unbelieving Jews*) have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.” Romans 10:2-4 ESV

# The Gospel of Grace

## Salvation By Grace Through Faith & Freedom From Man-Made Religion



“Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.” - Isaiah 53:11 ESV

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” - 2nd Corinthians 5:21 ESV

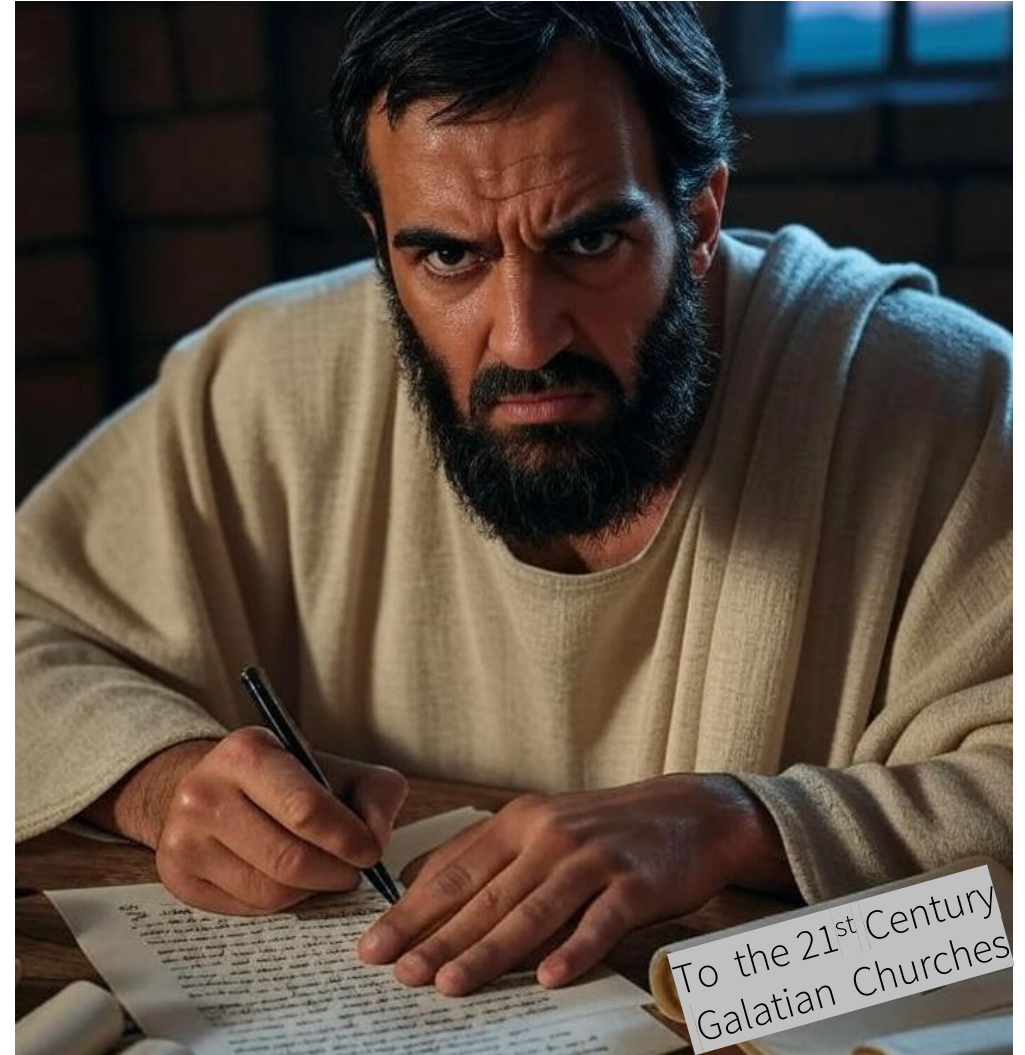
“For in him, bodily, lives the fullness of all that God is. And it is in union with him that you have been made full — he is the head of every rule and authority. Also it was in union with him that you were circumcised with a circumcision not done by human hands, but accomplished by stripping away the old nature’s control over the body. In this circumcision done by the Messiah” - Colossians 2:9-11 ESV

“This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” Ephesians 3:6 ESV

# Galatians Chapter 1 + 2:

A 1<sup>st</sup> Century Rebuke  
to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Problems

Verse-By-Verse



To the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Galatian Churches