



I. Purpose & Background

II. The Author and Date

III. Brief Outline

1. Chapter 1-2: Personal – The Preacher of Justification
2. Chapter 3-5:15: Doctrinal – The Principles of Justification
3. Chapters 5:16-6: Practical – The Privileges of Justification

VI. Major Themes

Two things to remember:

A. Remember that the gospel comes directly from God.

"I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ." (1:11-12).



B. Remember that we are justified by faith alone in Christ alone.

Key Verse: Know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ Jesus and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. (2:15-16)

Application – Use the distinction between law and grace in your evangelism. No man can perfectly comply with the law, and therefore all are in need of a Savior.

Two things we must do:

C. We must fight for the truth of the gospel.

Application – As a congregational church, this means that members have the final responsibility of protecting the church against false teaching.

D. Protect our Freedom in Christ.

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” (5:1)



Application – Are you prone to legalism? Are you counting on your consistent quiet times or your model church membership to earn favor with God? Or do you call genuine accountability “legalism” because it feels uncomfortable—setting the stage for libertinism?

A Harmony of Galatians and Romans

Doctrine	Galatians	Romans
Inability of the law to justify	2:16	3:20
Believer's deadness to the law	2:19	7:4
Believer's crucifixion in Christ	2:20	6:6
Abraham's justification by faith	3:6	4:3
Believers are Abraham's spiritual children...	3:7	4:10,11
...and therefore blessed	3:9	4:23, 24
Law brings God's wrath	3:10	4:15
The just shall live by faith	3:11	1:17
Universality of sin	3:22	11:32
Believers are spiritually baptized in Christ	3:27	6:3
Believer's adoption as God's spiritual children	4:5-7	8:14-17
Love fulfills the law	5:14	13:8-10
Importance of walking in the Spirit	5:16	8:4
Warfare of the Spirit and the flesh	5:17	7:23, 25
Importance of bearing one another's burdens	6:2	15:1