



## Galatians Lesson 1 Chapter 1

*Paul introduces himself as the author of this letter, and he is addressing the churches in Galatia. The Roman province of Galatia included the area from north-central Asia Minor which is now part of Turkey to south-central Asia Minor. Paul and Barnabas evangelized and founded the churches in the southern region of Galatia in the cities of Pisidian Antioch,*

*Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe during Paul's first missionary journey. Although scholars don't agree to which churches Paul was addressing, many do think it was the churches in these cities. Paul writes this letter to address distortions and to defend the truth of the gospel.*

### READ CHAPTER 1

1. *Let's orient ourselves to the geographical context of this book. Look on a map of the Roman Empire and locate the province of Galatia. If you have a map of Paul's missionary journeys, you can see his route through this southern region of the province where he stops at the cities mentioned above.*
  
2. *What observation is Paul making in verse 6 about the state of the church that he is writing to?*

3. *From verse 7, what are three qualities of this “different gospel?”*



*According to The Archaeological Study Bible, “Some people’ refers to the Judaizers, Jewish Christians who believed...that a number of the ceremonial practices of the Old Testament were still binding on the New Testament church.” This would include the act of circumcision being necessary upon conversion to Christianity. They also claimed that Paul was not a real apostle.*

4. *Can you think of any modern examples of “some people” and the confusion and perversions that they throw into the mix?*

5. *What is the major point that Paul is trying to get across by repeating himself?*

6. *In verse 9 of this chapter, Paul twice uses the word “condemned” as in the NIV or “accursed” as in the NASB. The Greek word for condemned is anathema and is defined as “putting under” or “being set aside for God’s judgement.” This is a serious charge! What does Paul mean when he says this?*



***Prayer requests:***

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***Group time notes:***

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