

# sermon notes

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Sept 4, 2024 | “Introduction to Galatians” | **Galatians 1:1–5**

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- 1) Who wrote Galatians?
  
- 2) What was the occasion for the letter of Galatians?
  
- 3) When was this letter written?
  
- 4) Where is Galatia located?
  
- 5) Why the title “AWOL from Grace” for this series?
  
- 6) How do we receive God’s grace?

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Walk through the details of the book of Galatians above. Answer each of the questions in your own words. Access a study Bible or commentary for help answering these questions. Also watch the Bible Project video on Galatians to help you get a broad overview of the book:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/galatians/>

Read Galatians 1:1–5. What is an apostle and why does Paul introduce himself as one in many of his letters? How did Jesus give “himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age” (1:4)? Why would Paul start the book with a statement like that?

### GET PERSONAL

How familiar are you with Galatians? How many times have you read through this book? Which verses in this book are you familiar with? How about Galatians 5:22? 2:20? 3:28? 5:1? 5:16? 6:1? 6:7? Are there any passages in this book that you have memorized?

Consider the title for our series in Galatians: “AWOL from Grace.” Why is grace so significant in a Christian’s life? How were you saved by grace? How does a person continue to live a life that is marked by grace? What is legalism, and how do we avoid the trappings of legalism as Christians? How do we avoid a “Jesus plus” legalism in the way we share the gospel with others?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Take a moment to write out the essence of the gospel in fifty words or less. What are the essential components of the gospel? How might you share this with someone in a short conversation? If you were able to elaborate on the gospel in a longer conversation, what would you emphasize?

### ADVANCED QUESTION

Read through the entire book of Galatians in one sitting. Don’t take your eye of the page or split your reading up into segments. Read it from start to finish without taking a break. What’s the overall tone of the book? What are the major ideas/themes that emerged during your reading?