

**Introduction to Galatians (Part 1)**

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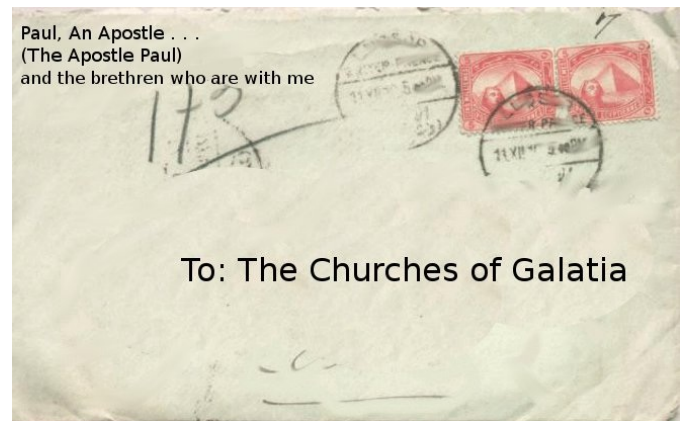
**Galatians 1:1a and Selected Scriptures**

**I. The Return Address - *who wrote it?* (v. 1)**

**A. PAUL (an apostle)**

1. Born Saul of Tarsus around the year 1 AD

*Tarsus was a city in Asia Minor – just north of Jerusalem some 350 miles*



- B. Paul was well educated and in his youth was sent to Jerusalem where he studied under Rabbi Gamaliel

**C. It's in Acts Chapter 7 that Paul First appears in Scripture**

1. Stephen – the first martyr (Acts 7:1-8:3)

**D. Paul: A Persecutor of the Church**

**E. Paul's Conversion (Acts 9)**

**F. The Book of Acts and Paul**

**G. Second Roman Imprisonment and Death**

"Paul outstripped his contemporaries. He had a powerful mind which could lead to a seat on the Sanhedrin, in the Hall of Polished Stones, and make him a 'ruler of the Jews.' The state being a theocracy, in which religious and national leaders were identical, the 71 members of the Sanhedrin were equally judges, senators and spiritual masters. The court was supreme in all religious decision and in what little self-government the Romans allowed. Some of its members were drawn from the hereditary priesthood. Others were lawyers and rabbis." [John Pollack, *The Apostle: The Life of Paul*, 7]

**II. The Address Proper (v. 2)- *who receives it?***

**III. The Post-Mark Date - *when was it written?***

**IV. The Stamp - *is it authentic and accurate?***

**V. The Text of the Letter - *what is the style and structure?***

**VI. The Contents of the Letter - *what is it about?***

# The LIFE of the APOSTLE PAUL Time Line

AD 5 Dates are approximate		AD 30		AD 35		AD 40	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Born an Israelite, from the tribe of Benjamin, a Roman citizen in Tarsus of Celicia, given the Hebrew name of Saul (Acts 7:58; 22:25-29). AD 5</li> <li>Receives the best of Roman education in Tarsus; studies under the Jewish scholar Gamaliel. AD 10-30</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persecution of Christians. AD 30-35</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watches with approval the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:57-60). AD 32 or 33</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul's conversion (Acts 9:1-19). AD 37</li> <li>Begins to preach about Christ in the synagogues (Acts 9:20-25). AD 37</li> <li>Goes to Jerusalem, but the Christian leaders are suspicious of him. (Acts 9:26-29; Galatians 1:18-19). AD 37</li> <li>When the Christians hear about a plot to kill him, they send him to Syria and Celicia (Acts 9:30; Galatians 1:21). AD 37-46</li> <li>Spends three years in Arabia, then returns to Damascus (Galatians 1:17; Acts 9:23). AD 37-40</li> </ul>	

AD 45		AD 50		AD 55	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barnabas takes Paul to Syrian Antioch, where they minister for a year (Acts 11:25, 26). AD 46</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Missionary Journey AD 47-49</li> <li>Second Missionary Journey AD 49-51</li> <li>Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-35) AD 49</li> <li>Galatians letter written AD 49</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Third Missionary Journey AD 52-57</li> <li>In Ephesus AD 53-55</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When a prophet predicts a famine will hit Jerusalem, the Christians collect contributions and send them to Jerusalem with Barnabas and Paul (Acts 11:27-30; 12:25). AD 47</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appears before Gallio AD 51</li> <li>1 &amp; 2 Thessalonians written AD 51</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 &amp; 2 Corinthians letters written AD 56</li> </ul>	

AD 60		AD 65		AD 70	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Journey to Rome AD 57-62</li> <li>Arrested in Jerusalem AD 57</li> <li>Romans letter written AD 57</li> <li>In prison in Caesarea AD 57-59</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Philemon letter written AD 60-61</li> <li>Ephesians letter written AD 60-61</li> <li>Colossians letter written AD 60-61</li> <li>Philippians letter written AD 62</li> <li>Titus letter written AD 63</li> <li>1 Timothy letter written AD 62-63</li> <li>Released from prison AD 62-63</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Timothy letter written AD 67</li> <li>Imprisoned again in Rome AD 67</li> <li>Paul's death AD 64 or 68?</li> </ul>	



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