

Paul's Letter to the Galatians

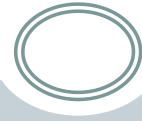


Lesson 4 - Review



- Chapter 2:11-21
- Peter's visit to Antioch
- Paul opposes Peter
- Paul addresses doctrinal points, issues in Galatia

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- Introduction
- Comments/Questions
 - 1. The conversion of Paul is given in Acts 9. List Paul’s subsequent actions in Acts 9:19-30 by completing the following chart: (Note: the Time Reference may not be given for all events.)

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Verse	Time Reference	Action(s) or Event(s)
18	Immediately	Paul received sight and was baptized
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- 2. Paul apparently remains in Tarsus until Barnabas asks him to join him in the work at the church in Antioch (Acts 11:19-30).
 - ✦ a. Describe the people who made up this congregation: Jews, Gentiles, or both? (v. 20)
 - ✦ b. How long did Paul and Barnabas work with this congregation?
 - ✦ c. The prophet Agabus foretells of a famine in Judea. What action to the Antioch brethren take? What time reference is given?
 - ✦ d. Acts 12:25 depicts Barnabas and Paul completing their “service” and returning to Antioch with John Mark. What major events happen “about that time”? (Acts 12:1-2; 20-24).
 - ✦ e. Check a Bible dictionary for possible dates of the famine under Claudius and the death of Herod.

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- 3. Acts 13-14 records the first missionary journey of Barnabas and Paul. Of possible relevance to a study of Galatians are the visits to four cities within the southern province of Galatia. For each city, summarize the events recorded in Acts.

Chapter/Verse	City	Action(s) or Event(s)
13:14-52	Antioch of Pisidia	
14:1-6	Iconium	
14:6-20	Lystra	
14:20-21	Derbe	

- ❖ How many times did they visit these cities on this journey? (14:21-23)
- ❖ Are both Jews and Gentiles converted in these cities?

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- 4. How long do you think that it took Paul and Barnabas to complete their first journey?
 - ✦ What time references are there in Acts 13-14?
- 5. While Paul and Barnabas were continuing their work in Antioch after their first journey, the question arose concerning circumcision for Gentile converts. This dispute led to a gathering in Jerusalem of the apostles, Jerusalem elders, and others. Read Acts 15.
 - ✦ a. What exactly were the men from Judea teaching? (v. 1)
 - ✦ b. Upon arriving in Jerusalem, to whom did Paul and Barnabas report their work?
 - ✦ c. What group in particular repeated the belief that Gentiles must be circumcised and to observe the Law of Moses?

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- 6. When the text says that “the apostles and elders were gathered together to consider this matter (v. 6) is this describing a private meeting of just the apostles and elders, or a public meeting with others in the church?
 - ✦ a. Summarize their conclusions.
 - ✦ b. These conclusions (decrees) were put into a letter. To whom is the letter addressed and to whom was the letter given? (Acts 15:22-35)
 - ✦ c. What is significant about this statement in the letter, “Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words...although we gave them instructions,...”?
 - ✦ d. Who else does Paul and Barnabas inform of the decrees at the start of the second missionary journey? (Acts 16:1-6)

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- 7. Summarizing, list the reference and occasion for Paul’s first three visits to Jerusalem after his conversion as given in Acts.

Visit	Chapter/Verse	Occasion
1st		
2nd		
3rd		

- ❖ *Are these necessarily the only three visits that Paul took to Jerusalem during this time period?*