

GALATIANS – THE WHOLE BOOK

INTRODUCTION

Galatians is one of the so-called FOUR capital letters of Paul.

The first evangelistic campaign of Paul and Barnabas – **Acts 13.14 – 14.26.**

- What kind of a letter?
- To whom was it written?

WHAT KIND OF A LETTER IS THIS?

Standard greeting but the note of praise and thanksgiving is absent

A “cease and desist” kind of letter

A brief summary of the whole letter

Seven major themes

WHO WERE THESE GALATIANS TO WHOM PAUL WROTE?

Four towns where they preached the gospel first in synagogues, experienced rejection and then planted churches: Antioch, Iconium, Lystra and Derbe

This letter dates from a later time

In the Roman world of Paul's day, these people were known as fickle and superstitious, much given to ritual observances and seeking to know the future through divination and omens.

SO WHAT WAS THE BIG PROBLEM?

Letting Gentiles into the kingdom of God – two questions:

Firstly, how were the first Jewish Christians to know that these Gentiles were serious about their conversion?

Secondly, how were the first Jewish Christians to know that Paul was a genuine apostle?

CONCLUSION

So Paul stood accused of being a false apostle who peddled a half-baked gospel that went easy on Gentiles who wanted to gain access to all the blessings God had promised to his people

He rejected both accusations