

GALATIANS

Lesson 2

If you Consider: Pessinus (southeast), Ancyra (center) and Tavium (Northeast) the churches of Galatia(Spelling of these cities varies, depending on the source):

Acts 16:6

Acts 18:23

Galatians 1:1, 2

Galatians 1:6-9

Galatians 1:10-24

Did you notice:

Acts 16:6 Either this verse is a summary and extension of what Luke had just recorded OR these are places in ADDITION to what he had recorded. If the latter is the case, then we realize that there was more work done than we have detailed record of. John cites that this was true concerning Jesus' ministry (John 20:30 and 21:25). It is possible that a similar situation existed with the Apostle Paul's ministry (Acts 28:30, 31) ends with his first imprisonment in Rome and we have little to no additional knowledge in the Scriptures of the remainder of his life's work and eventual death .

Acts 18:23 We find the Apostle Paul doing follow up work in the region. As this point his emphasis is on STRENGTHENING the disciples that were there. Evangelism and outreach was the work of the people in that area.

Galatians 1:1, 2 IF you accept Lystra, Derbe, Iconium as the Galatian Churches then this letter was probably sent after the Jerusalem council and before the start of Paul's second Missionary journey (around 49 AD). IF you accept Pessinus, Ancyra and Tavium as the Galatian Churches then this letter was probably sent while the Apostle Paul was at Corinth on his 2nd Missionary journey and would have been prior to his return trip through Galatia at the start of his 3rd Missionary journey (around 51 AD). Paul makes it clear that his journey to their region was God's leading through Jesus. The issues that the Apostle Paul addresses affected all of the churches in Galatia.

Galatians 1:6-9 The Apostle had been there a brief time and in his absence others were now teaching that Gentiles had to follow the laws of Moses. This issue had been addressed by the council at Jerusalem. Some had rejected the decision of the council and were still leading people astray. The reputation of the Galatians as being "fickle in their resolves and fond of change" would appear to be playing out. The Apostle makes it clear that their choice will affect their salvation.

Galatians 1:10-24 The Apostle Paul shares how God gave him the message. He shares how HE changed from opposing this Gospel that he preached to proclaiming it boldly.

What Lessons can you learn for your personal walk with Jesus?

What lessons can the church learn about how they can serve and function?