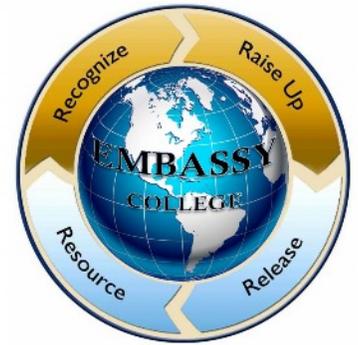


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αντις ἄς εμπροσθεν μου γεγονέν, οἱ πρώτος
μου ἦν. **31**κἀγὼ οὐκ ἤδειν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ἵνα
φανερωθῆ τῷ Ἰσραὴλ διὰ τοῦτο ἦλθον ἐγὼ
ἐν ὕδατι βαπτίζων. **32**Καὶ ἐμαρτύρησεν
Ἰωάννης λέγων ὅτι Τεθέαμαι τὸ πνεῦμα.



SYLLABUS AND STUDY GUIDE

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GALATIANS

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PART ONE: COURSE ORIENTATION AND INTRODUCTION

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a study of “Guidepost for Victorious Christian Living” based on the book of Galatians. It is essentially a Bible study for laymen, ministers, and teachers in the Body of Christ and highlights vital principles of faith and abundant living found in Paul’s letter to the Galatians. The English text will be studied with insights from the Greek. Special emphases include: the background of the letter, Law versus Grace, the meaning of Apostleship, Flesh versus Spirit, the “Law of Sowing and Reaping.”

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- A. Understand and appreciate the Book of Galatians, its contents, its writing, its author, and its place in our Christian faith; (comprehension, evaluation, valuing)
- B. Probe critical and valuable theological issues as they are given in the text of Galatians; (comprehension, analysis, evaluation)
- C. Examine the background in the early Church and the first century world of the Gospel truths presented in the book; (analysis, evaluation, comprehension)
- D. Apply this extremely relevant and inspiring book to his own Christian life and faith today (receiving, value complex).

III. SUGGESTED TOOLS OF STUDY

- A. The Holy Bible—King James Version
- B. One other version of student’s choosing
- C. This syllabus/study guide
- D. Textbook for the course
Cottle, R. E., Galatians: *Guideposts for Victorious Christian Living*,
Columbus: TEC Publications, 1988

- E. Optional: Teaching CDs: “Galatians: Study Series” by Dr. R.E. Cottle, available from the instructor.

IV. SUGGESTED STUDY HABITS

- A. Read the Book of Galatians prayerfully before the course begins.
- B. Read the textbook prayerfully before the course begins.
- C. Re-read the assigned chapters each day as your devotional time.
- D. DO NOT miss a single class session.
- E. Master the study guide and use it as you read the Scripture assignments. Fix the outline and purpose of the Book of Galatians firmly in your mind and heart.
- F. Take many notes. It will help if you share notes with a study partner at the end of each class day.
- G. Read and study as many of the books on the bibliography as you can.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Attendance at each session is required. If, for any reason, a session must be missed, the Director must be informed beforehand and arrangements made to attend the session at the Director’s convenience.
- B. There will be a final examination over the entire course. It will be assigned at the final class and due not later than the date specified by your Director.

VI. CLASSROOM METHODOLOGY

Lecture followed by class discussion

VII. EVALUATION

- A. Attendance at lectures
- B. Final exam

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The Course Calendar in Outline

TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
● COURSE ORIENTATION AND INTRODUCTION	Read Galatians 1-6; Preview textbook; Preview Syllabus; Get acquainted in the class

In some ways, this is the single most important meeting of the class. We should all be clear about what our primary study tools are, our major objectives, and those with whom we will take this wonderful journey into the heart of God and His special servant, Paul.

I. INTRODUCTION AND SALUTATION OF GALATIANS: GALATIANS 1:1-5

Lecture:	Topic:	Scripture References
1	Background of Galatians	Galatians 1:1-5; Barclay 1-9 Cottle 3-6; Ridderbos 13-30
	Galatians: Gospel of Grace	Galatians 1:1-5; Barclay 1-9 Cottle 9-13; Ridderbos 37-45

II. PERSONAL ARGUMENT—PAUL VS. JUDAIZERS [HISTORICAL EMPHASIS]: GALATIANS 1:6-2:21

Lecture:	Topic:	Scripture References
2/3	What is Backsliding? / No other Gospel	Galatians 1:6-10; Barclay 1-11 Cottle 15-22; Ridderbos 45-51
	Paul's Defense of his Apostleship	Galatians 1:11-24; Barclay 11-15 Cottle 23-32; Ridderbos 52-74
	Paul's Apostolic Commission	Galatians 2:1-10; Barclay 15-18 Cottle 35-37; Ridderbos 75-92
	Paul Resists Peter	Galatians 2:11-21; Barclay 18-24 Cottle 41-48; Ridderbos 93-107

III. DOCTRINAL ARGUMENT—GOSPEL VS. LAW [DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS]: GALATIANS 3:1-5-15

Lecture:	Topic:	Scripture References
4	The Hearing of Faith	Galatians 3:1-14; Barclay 24-28 Cottle 35-39; Ridderbos 108-128
5	Law and Promise	Galatians 3:15-22; Barclay 28-33 Cottle 41-48; Ridderbos 120-142
	Bondage and Freedom	Galatians 3:23-29; Barclay 33-36 Cottle 79-83; Ridderbos 143-150
6	From Slavery to Sonship: Isaac and Ishmael	Galatians 4:1-7; Barclay 36-38 Cottle 49-57; Ridderbos 151-159
	Love's Unending Appeal	Galatians 4:8-20; Barclay 38-43 Cottle 59-65; Ridderbos 160-171
7	Hagar and Sarah	Galatians 4:21-31; Barclay 43-46 Cottle 67-72; Ridderbos 172-183
	All or Nothing	Galatians 5:1-12; Barclay 46-48 Cottle 73-77; Ridderbos 185-195
	Christian Freedom	Galatians 5:13-15; Barclay 48-50 Cottle 79-83; Ridderbos 196-202

IV. PRACTICAL ARGUMENT—SPIRIT VS. FLESH [PRACTICAL EMPHASIS]: GALATIANS 5:16-6:18

Lecture:	Topic:	Scripture References
8	Flesh and Spirit	Galatians 5:16-25; Barclay 50-57 Cottle 87-93; Ridderbos 203-210
9	How Should Christians Treat One Another?	Galatians 5:26-6:5; Barclay 57-59 Cottle 95-100; Ridderbos 211-215
	We Reap What We Sow	Galatians 6:6-10; Barclay 59-60 Cottle 101-104; Ridderbos 216-220
	Paul's Personal Postscript	Galatians 6:11-18; Barclay 60-62 Cottle 105-110; Ridderbos 221-230
10	Review / Assignment	Galatians 1:1-6:18; Barclay 1-62 Cottle 1-110; Ridderbos 1-230

PAUL’S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS: AN OUTLINE

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