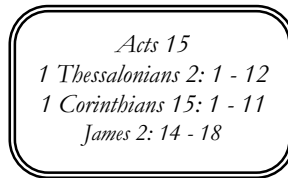


THE LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

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CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO



1. There are certain features of Paul's letters that can be seen in many places throughout his New Testament writings. As you read the Letter to the Galatians, keep an eye out for these distinctive characteristics:
 - a. the absolute freedom from the law that we have in Jesus Christ. This is not a libertine idea, but only Paul's insistence that when we live in Jesus Christ and he in us, there's no need for law. The Spirit of Jesus himself guides us.
 - b. the complete magnanimous generosity of God in his free and lavish offering of love and mercy, even while we are sinning.
 - c. Faith, hope and love (the theological virtues) are not only in that famous passage of 1 Corinthians 13; but these three virtues are woven throughout Paul's letters and appear together over and over again.
 - d. the centrality of the cross. The cross is the form of life, the shape of life, for those who live in Christ Jesus.
2. After spending time prayerfully reading these first two chapters, what questions do you hope these few sessions studying *Galatians* will answer?

