



GALATIANS

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DAILY READING NOTES TERM 3, 2014

Week	Passage	Title
1	Galatians 1:1-12	Only One Gospel
2	Galatians 1:13-2:10	Gospel from God
3	Galatians 2:11-21	Justified by Faith, not Law
4	Galatians 3:1-14	Faith and Spirit
5	Galatians 3:15-25	Understanding the Place of the Law
6	Galatians 3:26-4:20	Son or Slave?
7	Galatians 4:21-5:15	Called to Freedom
8	Galatians 5:16-6:10	Spirit and Righteousness
9	Galatians 5:25-6:18	True Religion

We want to encourage each other to be on mission to our non-Christian friends, family and contacts.

Who are you on mission to?

Make a list and start praying for them (and yourself).

Pray for three friends, once a week, for one minute (3-1-1).

List the names of your family and friends here:



How to use this book:

1. Personal Reading

- Use this guide to help you read your Bible every day.
- Scribble down your thoughts and questions each day.

2. Prayer

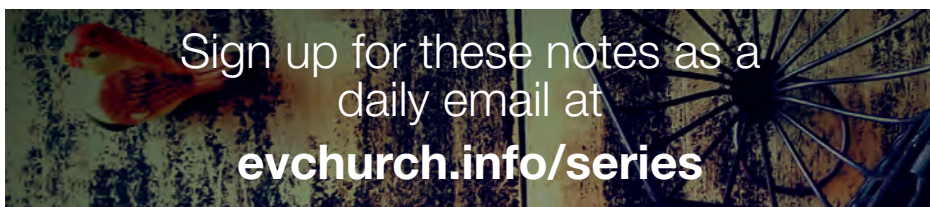
- In some places, prayer ideas are given as a suggestion.
- In some places, the prayer has been left blank. This is for you to complete with your own requests, confessions and thanks. At times your prayers may be prompted by the passage, but there is room to pray for whatever is happening in your life each day.
- Bring it all to God in prayer.

3. Growth Groups

- Take this guide with you to your growth group each week so you can write down prayer points that come from the study that week and prayer requests from the members of your group.
- Let your group know who you are on mission to.

4. Church

- Keep this guide with your Bible and bring it with you to church.
- Scribble down sermon notes in the space provided.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



look into life with Jesus

1st series Begins **Tuesday 5th August** @ 7:15pm for coffee and dessert

2nd series Begins **Wednesday 6th August** @ 7:15pm for dinner

digging deeper

THINKING

Battle for the Truth

Reformation History

4 weeks beginning Monday 4th August

SKILLS

Tough Questions

Answering big questions about Jesus

4 weeks beginning

7:30pm Monday 28 July, Erina

3pm Sunday 3rd August, Peninsula





NOTHING IN MY HAND I BRING

by Ray Galea

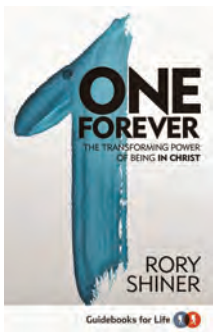
When Ray Galea submitted his life to Christ, he had a problem on his hands: which church should he go to?

“I did not want to assume that just because I was born a Catholic, this was by definition the right choice. I knew I could just as easily have been born a Baptist or a Mormon. So I spent the next six months reading, and talking to priests and ministers to find out the differences

between Catholics and Protestants. How did each of their teachings compare with the teaching of Jesus and the apostles?”

This book is a kind of retracing of Ray’s investigation, looking at the key issues that continue to divide Protestants and Catholics, and assessing them in light of the teaching of Scripture.

This is a challenging and invaluable book for Protestants and Catholics alike.



ONE FOREVER

by Rory Shiner

“In Christ” is a phrase used everywhere in the New Testament, but probably most of us would say we don’t really know what it means. How can you be ‘in’ Christ?

The fact is “in Christ” is an important and exciting Biblical idea that is crucial in helping us understand what God has done for us and what it means to be a Christian. This book will help do that.

One Forever is a short, easy to read book, but profound in teaching what this little phrase means. Once you get it, it is life-changing.

“In Christ” is an important biblical idea in Galatians, so this term is a great time to read this book, and be introduced to the wonderful truth of what it means to be in Christ.

These books are available for purchase at the EV Bookshop in the Foyer.

INTRODUCTION

THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

The tricky thing about Galatians is knowing who the Galatians were!

“To the churches in Galatia”, Paul writes in Galatians 1:2b, but Galatia in reality was a province (now modern Turkey) where there is no record of a visit by Paul.

He did visit areas in the south of Galatia (Antioch, Iconium, Lystra and Derbe, which we read of in Acts 13-14). It might be that people in the south called themselves Galatians because Galatia was the biggest province nearest to them, without being within the actual borders.

This theory seems the most likely, and so the peoples and places we read of in Acts 13-14 are most likely those to whom Paul wrote in the letter, Galatians.

Galatians was probably one of Paul’s earliest letters and it reveals some of the clashes that arose as the Christian gospel hit the scene.

The main issue driving the writing of the letter was the Galatians themselves.

They are being drawn away from the saving gospel by a missionary group(s) from (most likely) Jerusalem.

Paul writes urgently, desperate to show the falseness of the path they are heading down; desperate to direct them back to the gospel he originally brought to them, the place of freedom.

Here are some of the issues we get drawn into when reading Galatians:

- Who is this Paul? Can he be trusted?
- The pressures on early Christianity as the full implications of Jesus’ death were slowly being understood.
- The vexed Jew/Gentile relationship in the early Christian church.
- The fullness of what is achieved for salvation by Jesus’ work on the cross.
- God’s gospel alone saves.

- Adding to the gospel only serves to nullify the power of the cross.
- The work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian.
- The place of Law.
- The unchanging message declared through Abraham, fulfilled in Jesus.

Galatians is a letter full of passion and urgency in which Paul persuades, begs, warns, exhorts and extols. He lays out for us expressions of gospel truths and understandings of the works of Jesus that are essential for our salvation, and understanding of the Christian life that are gold!

If you can take hold of these truths, you have it all – Jesus, salvation, life here, and life to come. Freedom.

WEEK 1 GALATIANS 1:1-12

DAY 1

Read Galatians 1:1-2

Paul writes his introduction, choosing his words deliberately with certain reasons in mind.

1. What has Paul communicated about himself in these two verses, already?
2. What does this tell us Paul wants his readers to know as he begins his letter?

This letter is written first to the Galatians, now to us. What might God want to teach you this term? Pray for your growth to deeper maturity as you study this letter this term.

DAY 2

Read Galatians 1:2-5

1. What do we learn here about the work of Jesus?

2. What does Paul say God has done for us?
3. We are not rescued from “this present evil world” but “this present evil age”. What is it we are being rescued from?

List from this passage all you can give God thanks for. Give thanks!
Do you have a friend you can share this news with?

DAY 3

Read Galatians 1:1-12

Look at Galatians 1:6-9 and read again

1. How many times is the “gospel” mentioned?
2. What is Paul’s main concern?

WEEK 1 GALATIANS 1:1-12

3. Looking at v.6, “deserting” is a strong word. What is Paul suggesting by using this word?
4. Looking at v.8-9, “let him be eternally condemned”, who is Paul talking about?
5. Why do you think he is so harsh?

Do you have friends or family you fear might be caught up in a different gospel? Would you like to bring them before God in prayer?
Do you fear you are at risk of being led unaware to a different gospel?
Pray about these things.

DAY 4

Read Galatians 1:1-12

Look at Galatians 1:6-9

1. It is amazing to think we should ignore even angels if the message they bring is different to Paul’s message. What right has Paul to say that?

2. What proofs does Paul give to show his gospel is the authentic one?
3. As you listen to talks and sermons, and read books and other resources, what measures are available to you to ensure the gospel being spoken is the authentic one?

Prayer: Where do you feel weak or vulnerable in your understanding of the gospel? Ask God to help you in this.

DAY 5

Read Galatians 1:1-12

1. Paul has not exactly given a definition of the true gospel in these verses but has said a lot about it. List all we can know about the character of the true gospel from today's passage.

What would you like to pray in light of what you have listed and all you have thought about this week? Think of what to pray for your growth group as you prepare to meet this week.

WEEK 2: GALATIANS 1:13-2:10

DAY 1

Read Galatians 1:11-14

1. What is Paul saying about the gospel that is important for the Galatians (and us) to know?
2. What kind of person was Paul before his conversion (see also Acts 8:3, Acts 26:10-14)?
3. How does knowing this background help the Galatians trust Paul and his gospel message?

Reflect on what you were before your gospel conversion. What impact has the gospel had on you? What things can you pray from your reflections?

DAY 2

Read Galatians 1:15-16

1. How did Paul's conversion come about, in his words?

2. In what way is your conversion and calling similar to Paul's?
(Psalm 139:13-16, Ephesians 1:3-5)

3. In what way is Paul's conversion and calling somewhat unique?
(Acts 9:15, Acts 26:12-18, Galatians 2:7-10)

Reflect and pray on the great blessing God has given you in calling you to Himself.

DAY 3

Read Galatians 1:17-24

1. What proofs does Paul give to affirm the authenticity of the gospel he preaches?

WEEK 2: GALATIANS 1:11-2:10

2. At this point Paul talks about his travels, of which some are missing from the book of Acts. Drawing together the story from the two accounts is a bit tricky but there are hints to make it possible to have a go.

Make a list of Paul's movements from Galatians 1:18-2:5 noting where Paul went, with whom, to meet whom, and for how long. Do the same from Acts 9-15.

Galatians 1:18-2:5	Acts 9-15

Then look at your two lists and note which events seem to have been recorded in both books – that will help you know how to line up both books. This is in itself an exercise in authenticity!

Take some time to reflect on where/when have you been really struck by the authenticity of the Bible and the gospel?

Thank God for what has amazed you.

Read Galatians 2:1-5

1. What words does Paul use here to show he understands himself as being in a battle?
2. What was the battle, in your understanding, from these verses?
3. Freedom from circumcision was an important principle for the early church to understand. Do you have any thoughts about what freedoms in Christ are important for us to stand firm on today? (It's probably not circumcision!)

What freedoms are you particularly aware you should thank God for, in His rescue of you from enslavement?

WEEK 2: GALATIANS 1:11-2:10

DAY 5

Read Galatians 2:1-10

1. What does Paul mean when he expresses his fear of running the race in vain (given we know he has no doubts he is teaching the true gospel)?
2. What is the race we are running? (See also Hebrews 12:1-12)
3. What seems to have been the response of the apostles based in Jerusalem towards Paul and his message?
4. As Paul recounts his the Jerusalem trip (2:1-10) to the Galatians, what impact do you think he wants to have on them?

Have you thought of what might hinder, slow down, or distract your running of the Christian life? Bring these concerns to God in prayer. What would you like God to do in you?

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 3 GALATIANS 2:11-21

DAY 1

Read Galatians 2:11-21

1. What is it exactly that Peter did?
2. What made this so terrible? What were the consequences?
3. It is interesting to reflect on what Peter should have known about Jesus and why he should not have taken this action. What are your thoughts based on the early chapters of Acts and the gospel accounts?

When has fear hindered your Christian life and witness?
What would you like God to do?

DAY 2

Read Galatians 2:11-21

1. Why do you think Peter went against his own convictions?
And Barnabas too?

2. Who were the men placing such pressure on Peter and Barnabas?
(See Acts 11:1-2, Acts 15:1-2, Acts 15:24)

(The expression “came from James” (v.12) may not refer to James sending them under his authority, given Galatians 2:6 and Acts 15:25-27. The expression may mean, “came from where James had oversight”.

If James did send them, his intention may have been wanting Christian Jews to be sensitive to Jewish sensibilities and to be cautious in order to win more Jews. The group was zealous and may have implemented what was meant to be gentle caution with a legalistic fervor and dogmatism that James never intended.)

Can you recall times you have gone against your gospel convictions because of pressures you felt?
Are there things you need to ask forgiveness for?
Pray for courage, and the power of God’s Spirit.

DAY 3

Read Galatians 2:11-21

“Justification” means to be declared righteous, no longer condemned and now in a restored relationship with God.

Read v.15-16

1. What is Paul saying he now knows about the Law?

WEEK 3 GALATIANS 2:11-21

2. Where does Paul (and his fellow believers) now put their faith for justification?
3. What is the point Paul is making to Peter and to everyone (v.14) by highlighting these things?

It can be hard to identify whether our faith is in Jesus Christ alone, or whether in fact our faith is in Him as well as something else to be really sure we are saved. Pray that God would help you identify if you are adding to your faith in some way. Ask God to give you the courage to let go, and trust Jesus alone.

DAY 4

Read Galatians 2:17-21

1. Often Paul has to argue why a person enjoying justification by the work of Jesus wouldn't just relax and sin away! Can you explain the reasons he gives here?

Think about what is meant by:

"I have been crucified with Christ..."

"If I rebuild what I destroyed..."

"That I might live for God..."

"Christ lives in me..."

2. In short, why would a person who is justified by Christ, not want to sin?

What truths from today's reading do you want God to imbed in your psyche so strongly that you find a growing hatred of sin and you are driven to pursue righteousness?

DAY 5

Read Galatians 2:15-21

1. Take some time to memorise the verses below.

(Look at the verses and say them aloud. Create images in your mind to match the truth you are speaking. Then cover the verses, and see how much you can say. Repeat until you feel confident.)

Try:

"We ... know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified." Galatians 2:15-16

WEEK 3 GALATIANS 2:11-21

Or, if you want a shorter verse:

"I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!" Galatians 2:21

Recite the memory verses to your group when you meet!

2. Look over Galatians 2:11-21 again. Are there any questions you still have? Write them down and bring them to your group for discussion.

Pray you would not "rebuild what has been destroyed", but would live the new life created for you. Bring to God specific areas where you still find yourself living the old way.

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 4 GALATIANS 3:1-14

DAY 1

Read Galatians 3:1-14

1. What is being conveyed about the Galatians in the word “bewitched” (v.1)?
2. Reading this passage, what feelings does Paul appear to have for the Galatians?

Is there anyone you know of who is not going well in the Christian faith, that you might be feeling heartbroken for?

List and pray for them each day this week.

Ask God to help you know if there is anything you can do?

DAY 2

Read Galatians 3:1-14

1. What answers is Paul expecting to his rhetorical questions in v.2 and v.5?

2. Why does Paul start talking about the Spirit to the Galatians? What is the link between being made righteous, which the Galatians are wanting, and receiving the Spirit, which Paul is pointing out they have (see also 3:14)?
3. What is the danger Paul warns them of in verse 3?

Continue to pray for those you listed on Day 1.
Think through carefully what God would want specifically to happen?
What work of the Spirit do you want to see happen? Ask Him.

DAY 3

Read Galatians 3:1-14

1. What sort of suffering might the Galatians have undergone (v. 4)?
2. Under what conditions might this suffering now be for nothing?
3. Look at 3:6-14. "Consider Abraham" would be compelling to the Gentile

WEEK 4 GALATIANS 3:1-14

Galatians, who, in their insecurity, are being persuaded they need to adopt Jewish practices to ensure they are saved.

What did Abraham do that Paul wants to be a model for the Galatians to copy? (See v.6, Genesis 12:1-3 and Genesis 15:4-6)

Pray for those you know are not going well in the Christian faith (Day 1).

Pray for your relationship with this person, or people.

Are there conversations to be had? Church to invite them to? Relationship issues that need sorting? Pray for what needs to happen.

DAY 4

Read Galatians 3:1-14

1. Who will be blessed?
2. Who will be cursed?
3. Who will be the blessed children of Abraham?

Who else can you add to your list from Day 1?
Pray for each of them.

DAY 5

Read Galatians 3:1-14

Read Galatians 3:10-14

1. What has Paul said to prove that the Law is a dead end, and not the path to being justified?
2. What has Paul said to prove that faith is the only way (see 3:6-14)?

Verse to learn:

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.’”

Galatians 3:13

Pray again for those you know who are not going well in the Christian faith. Here are some things to keep in mind as you pray:

- This is spiritual work – we must pray;
- God loves to answer our prayers – be patient and trust;
- It is not our many words, sincerity, or urgency that impresses God – He just wants our dependence and trust;
- God has told us what He wants for all of us (i.e. His will) – think over what God says He wants and pray them for these people;
- Be specific in your requests – do some work thinking what you need to ask for;
- Asking is not demanding; and
- Watch for answers, giving thanks as they come (be aware of answers that are different to what are looking for).

WEEK 5 GALATIANS 3:15-25

DAY 1

Read Galatians 3:15-25

1. What do you think Paul is saying in each of the following passages; 3:15-18, 3:19-20, 3:21-22.
2. Is there anything you still can't quite understand, or you have questions about?
3. What did you find interesting, for your own understanding?

Pray for your understanding and studying of God's word.

Pray for your growth group members, especially for any person you have concerns for.

DAY 2

Read Galatians 3:15-18

1. What are the key characteristics of the covenant made to Abraham?

2. What are the key characteristics of the law introduced with Moses later?

Quote to ponder:

“In the promise to Abraham, God said ‘I will... I will... I will...’ but in the law of Moses, God said , ‘thou shalt... thou shalt... thou shalt...’.

The promise sets forth a religion of God – God’s plan, God’s grace, God’s initiative.

But the law sets forth a religion of man – man’s duty, man’s works, man’s responsibility.

The Christian religion is a religion of Abraham and not Moses.”

(John Stott, BST Galatians, p.86)

3. What do you think Paul is leading us to think in Galatians?

Pray: Thank God for...

DAY 3

Read Galatians 3:17-25

1. What was the purpose of the Law? Also look up; Romans 3:20, Romans 4:15, Romans 7:22-24.

WEEK 5 GALATIANS 3:15-25

2. How does the Law relate to the covenant of promise?
3. In what way does the Law “lead us to Christ” (v.24)?

Quote

“The principal point... of the law... is to make men not better but worse; that is to say, it shows them their sin that by that knowledge they may be humbled, terrified, bruised and broken, and by this means may be driven to seek grace, and so to come to that blessed seed (Christ).”

Luther, p.316.

Pray: Thank God for...

Ask God for...

DAY 4

Read Galatians 3:26-29

1. What are the many assurances Paul now gives the Galatians in v.26-29?

2. How would this strengthen their resolve to hold to the original gospel Paul brought them?
3. What benefits are ours, now we are “in Christ”?

Pray: Thank God for...

Ask God for...

DAY 5

Read Galatians 3:15-25

1. In what way was the promise to Abraham a covenant meant for us/you?
2. What are the benefits that have come to us/you, according to this passage, by being in Abraham’s seed?

Pray: Thank God for....

Ask for...

WEEK 6 GALATIANS 3:26-4:20

DAY 1

Read Galatians 3:26-4:7

1. What different images does Paul use to describe our relationship to Christ?

2. Draw out the implications of each of these images?

Pray: Thank God for...

DAY 2

Read Galatians 4:1-7

1. Paul's image of a person under Law is that they are like an heir, but an under-aged heir. How does he describe this experience in today's passage (also see 3:23-25)?

2. How does your answer to question 1 relate to the experience of being under the Law?

Pray: What issues or concerns would you like to bring before God?

DAY 3

Read Galatians 4:1-7

1. What does Paul mean when he says, “when the time had fully come” (v.4)?

2. What do the full rights of sons include?

Pray: Thanks for...
Ask for...

WEEK 6 GALATIANS 3:26-4:20

DAY 4

Read Galatians 4:8-17

1. What do we learn about the early relationship between Paul and the Galatians?
2. What were the Galatians like when they first heard Paul's message?
3. What seems to have happened to their joy?

Pray: What would God want you to ask of Him? Is joy an emotion you have in your Christian life? What creates joy for you in your relationship with Jesus? What kills your joy?

DAY 5

Read Galatians 4:8-19

1. What do we learn about the way Paul feels about the Galatians now?

2. How does Paul describe what is happening to them?

3. Do you have people who care deeply for you and your relationship with God? How do you respond to them?

4. Do you have people you care for deeply in their relationship to God?

Pray for the people listed above and all the concerns you have for them. Recall those you were praying for in Week 4. Give thanks for any developments you have seen. Keep praying.

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 7 GALATIANS 4:21–5:15

DAY 1

Read Galatians 4:21-31

Paul uses the example of Abraham's two sons in an amazing way to show two family lines leading to two outcomes and two paths that can be followed: one of law, one of promise.

1. Refresh your memory of the incident he is referring to by reading:
 - Genesis 16: What drove the outcome of Ishmael being born to Abraham?

 - Genesis 17-18:18 and 21:1-7, what drove the outcome of Isaac being born to Abraham?

Pray: Thanks for...

Ask for...

DAY 2

Read Galatians 4:21-31

The contrast between Ishmael's birth and Isaac's birth is symbolic of two paths, or covenants, that the Galatians (and we) can choose between.

1. What is the character of the Hagar/Ishmael path?

2. What is the character of the Sarah/Isaac path?

Pray: Thanks for...

Ask for...

DAY 3

Read Galatians 5:1-15

1. What would stop the Galatians from experiencing the freedom they were released for?
2. What expressions give you the sense of what a disaster that would be?
3. Can you think of what cuts across the freedom you are meant to enjoy in Christ?

Pray: Thanks for...

Ask for...

WEEK 7 GALATIANS 4:21–5:15

DAY 4

Read Galatians 5:1-15

1. What was the slavery we have been released from?
2. What is the freedom we have been called to (v.6 and v.13-15)?
3. On a personal level, what does this freedom look like for you?

Pray: Thanks for...

Ask for...

DAY 5

Read Galatians 5:1-15

1. What do you think is meant by “the offense of the cross has been abolished” (v.11)?

2. How is it that “faith expressing itself through love” is a picture of freedom? What does it look like?

3. From the passage, what is your understanding of the relationship between what the Christian now has, compared with the Law?

Pray: Thanks for...

Ask for...

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

WEEK 8 GALATIANS 5:16-6:10

DAY 1

Read Galatians 5:16-26

1. What is the conflict that Paul says is going to be experienced (v.17)?

2. What is his advice about how to engage in that conflict (v.16, 24 and 26)?

Pray: Thanks for...

Ask for...

DAY 2

Read Galatians 5:16-26

Paul's expression in v.24 of crucifying the sinful nature is saying we have chosen to put to death our old nature. He's referring to what we have chosen to do with our old self in coming to Christ, rather than the work Christ has done for us. It is more like what is in Mark 8:34-35 and Luke 9:23, rather than Romans 6.6 and Galatians 2:20.

1. What does it mean to say we have crucified the sinful nature? When did we do that?

2. Do you get the sense reading this passage that sin is inevitable, or avoidable? Are we a victim? Do we have choices? Are we in charge? Or something else? What leads you to your answer from the passage?

Pray: Thanks for...

Ask for...

DAY 3

Read Galatians 5:16-6:10

Two expressions of life in the Spirit are given:

1. “Led by the spirit” (v.18). What is this life going to be like, from how it sounds here?

2. “Let us keep in step with the Spirit” (v.25). What does this look like? How do we do this?

Pray: Thanks for...

Ask for...

WEEK 8 GALATIANS 5:16-6:10

DAY 4

Read Galatians 5:19-21, 26

1. How could you categorise these sins according to what they have in common?
2. Do you see yourself reflected here?
3. What is Paul's warning, and who is the warning for?

Pray: Thanks for...

Ask for...

DAY 5

Read Galatians 5:22-26

1. Look closely at the outcome (fruit) of living a Spirit-led life.

Now think of yourself being full of these qualities as you go about your life today and this week interacting with people.

What do you need to pray and do to be in step with the Spirit who lives in you?

2. What is Paul's advice to you? How do you become this spiritual person?

Bring before God:

- Repentance and sorrow you might have as you reflect on this passage;
- Your desire to change and walk in step with His Spirit; and
- Your request for His Spirit to lead you to where you need to be.

WEEK 9 GALATIANS 5:25-6:18

DAY 1

Read Galatians 5:25-6:10

1. List all Paul's instructions relating to interactions with others.
2. What advice does Paul have for how a person led by the Spirit and belonging to Christ should think of themselves?
3. When we think of ourselves in this way, what impact will that have on how we treat and regard others in the Christian community?
4. Do you have a tendency towards pride or feelings of superiority?
Where does that show?

Pray: Confess...
Ask...

DAY 2

Read Galatians 6:1-5

1. Who are the spiritual people Paul refers to in Galatians 6:1?
2. What does it look like to restore someone gently?
3. What temptation might a person be open to as they do this?
4. What does Paul mean when he says “carry each other’s burdens” (v.2), and “carry his own load” (v.5)? How are they different?

Is there a person you know who is suffering under a load?
What can you pray for them?

WEEK 9 GALATIANS 5:25-6:18

DAY 3

Read Galatians 6:1-10

1. “Sowing to please the Spirit” (v.8) encompasses everything you do to help you grow in holiness.

Think about your everyday life; think about the years ahead.

Are you intentionally planning to grow in holiness and righteousness?

Where do you “sow” to that end (i.e. what are your plans to make that happen)? Be specific.

2. “Let us not become weary” (v.9) suggests it will be tiring to keep going. What things make you tired and weary of pushing into this growth?
3. What incentive does Paul give us to not give up?

Growing spiritually is not just about you; it's about you in Christian community. Sow to produce fruit in that context. From your reflections, where would you like God's help?

DAY 4

Read Galatians 6:11-18

1. What does Paul say are the motives driving the false brothers?
2. What is driving Paul?
3. What would you say his “large letters” indicate?

Reflect again on your plans to keep growing in holiness. Keep praying that you would know how to press into this.

WEEK 9 GALATIANS 5:25-6:18

DAY 5

Read Galatians 6:11-18

1. From these verses, what is the character of false religion?

2. What is the character of true religion?

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

EXTRA REVIEW THE TERM

Take some Time to Review the Term

Reflect back over your time studying the book of Galatians this term through sermons, Bible study and personal reflection ;

1. Where have you see your understanding of God (Father, Son and Spirit) deepened?

2. What have you seen growth in the outworking of new beliefs into your everyday life?

Bring these thoughts in prayer, praise and thanks to God.

PRAYER POINTS AND NOTES

EV MISSION PARTNERS



CHRIS AND SHARON EKINS

Coast Evangelical Church, Forster

Chris and Sharon moved up to Forster to begin a church there in early 2009. They were convicted of the great need there for more Bible teaching churches, especially ones that are accessible to those with little or no church background.

Praise God that the church is growing. Pray that God would continue to grow His church and save many as they pray, invest in relationships, share the gospel and teach the Bible. Pray for a new group starting to take form in Taree. Check out www.coastec.net.au/category/prayer/ for more.



DEREK AND ANNA

Southeast Asia

Derek and Anna (Liam and Jasmine) have come from Crossroads, one of our sister churches in Canberra, where Derek did MTS. They are living in a large city in Southeast Asia. Derek teaches in a local college, training workers

from all over the country, who will go back to their towns as leaders bringing the message to those with whom they live. Pray for the ongoing teaching at Derek's Bible College and at the School of Mission, which has a focus on mobilising interest in Muslim Ministry, and equipping people for that. Pray for Anna as she is currently working towards bringing together some local Muslim ladies who are open, and forming them into a group of inquirers. Pray for God to reveal himself to these ladies.



THE GENEVA PUSH

Geneva was set up to provide a means by which they can pool their energies to fuel a whole new generation of church planting that might see thousands of Australians saved to know Jesus.

Geneva is seeking to achieve this outcome by communicating the vision and need of planting, so more and more young people think to give themselves to planting. It has set in place a high quality assessment process to find the best guys, and provides ongoing support and training through coaching structures, mentoring and ongoing conferences to best ensure planters have the biggest impact they can as planters.

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JONO AND AMY VINK

Tanzania

Jono and Amy, along with their children Lili, Isaac, Brie and Abe, are working in Musoma, Tanzania. Jono helps to train church leaders by grounding them in Biblical theology and in practical exegetical skills at Bunda Bible College.

The aim is to equip local pastors to teach the Bible and lead God's people in Tanzania. He is also involved in local pastors groups writing bible study material and visiting different groups each week. Amy home schools and is involved in leading a ladies bible study. Amy also works with local women through "Rehema" which is an income generating project – café and crafts, seeking to train local women to be able to provide for their families as well as all profits going to helping other needy women and children.



PAUL AND SANDRA KING

Strasbourg, France

Paul and Sandra are sent by us to bring the gospel to France and they currently live in Strasbourg. They serve with French Christians in the University Bible Group (GBU).

Their ministry with university students involves evangelism, discipling, and training students to teach the Bible. They also coordinate full-time ministry apprenticeships; one program is called RELAY working with the GBU in universities, the other is NEW GENERATIONS working with local churches in cities. They hold evangelism events "Dialogue Veritas" where students and friends are invited to talks based on a survey regarding God and life.



COLIN AND JILL BAKON

SIM: Latin American Ministry

Colin trains and mentors Christians in Latin America in mission mobilization in response to many wanting to be involved in the world Christian movement. He mentors a network of local mobilisers who journey with churches and

prospective missionary candidates. A project has been started up to help fund this. See <http://www.sim.org.au/wake-up-train-up-and-step-up>.

Praise that over 100 people have been impacted through the Kairos course and over 20 are in training to run the course themselves. Praise for interest coming from many Latin American countries in Kairos and with work projected to start in Ecuador, Mexico and El Salvador.

EV MISSION PARTNERS



DANIEL AND RENAE GODDEN

Salt Church, Wollongong

Dan and Renae moved to Wollongong from EV to start a new evangelical church. Salt Church are now meeting together and building new relationships with people in the Illawarra who don't know Jesus. Praise God that there is a growing core group. Pray for another pastor to help in this ministry and for the refurbishment of their new premises. Pray for the Illawarra region, that God might work in such a way that there would be a flood of new disciples of Jesus right across the region.



FIEC

(staff worker/Chaplin – Jim Ramsey)

The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) is a fellowship of churches and pastors across Australia. Their churches are committed to praying for one another and continuing to promote planting of evangelical churches throughout Australia. Their pastors seek to provide support and encouragement to one another. FIEC began in 2002 when a small group of evangelical pastors had the simple aim of encouraging one another to proclaim Christ and plant more churches. In 2012, their annual conference had over 170 people in attendance, representing thirteen member churches across Australia. FIEC is aiming, with God's help, to plant 100 churches across Australia during the next 15 years. Pray for the preparations for the Annual Conference (Sept 15-18)



MARTIN AND JEN SHADWICK

(AFES Newcastle University)

Martin and Jen are graduates of our EV MTS program. They both work full time with AFES at Newcastle Uni, engaging in evangelism as well as discipling and training Christian students. Martin leads the AFES staff team which oversees two groups – one for Australian students and one for international students and a new ministry to Muslim students. Praise God for blessing of the daughter Hannah. Pray for wisdom in balancing ministry and family life. Praise for the new team members in AFES Newcastle: Jess Khor, Andy Bootes and Heather Green. Pray for them as they grow together as a team. Praise for new funding to help in the ever growing International students' ministry which is headed up by Rodney Nohra. Praise God for special funding to help with the Arabic ministry and pray for Ashraf Mehanni who heads this up.



JAI AND JAY-ELLEN WRIGHT

MAKE Church, Mackay

Jai and his wife Jay-ellen moved to Mackay after ministry in “UniChurch, Qld”(Brisbane) and four years in Sydney where he studied at Moore Theological College, completing a Bachelor of Divinity. Jai and Jay are planting a church in Mackay, QLD. They have 4 children, Amber, Ebony and Kade and little Jett. Pray for strength for Jay-ellen in her role as mum. They have seen God’s hand building this church in so many ways and are super excited to be in Mackay sharing God’s love. They are coached by Geneva Push.



KIRSTIN HAWKSHAW

(CMS Missionary in Nepal)

Kirstin is working as an Occupational Therapist in Pokhara, Nepal. She hopes to be salt and light as she does training and cares for people with disabilities through a community rehabilitation program which involves travel to villages across a significant part of the middle of Nepal. She is involved in a small local church and is praying for many more opportunities through church, work and life to be a witness to Jesus and to be discipling Christians in the relatively young though vibrant church of Nepal. As she is in her second term now, pray for her as she readjusts to living in Nepal

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