

Galatians

Fully Accepted by God

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Acts 13—14; Galatians 1—6

Background and Overview of Galatians

Paul and Barnabas brought the good news of Jesus to the cities in southern Galatia. Luke's account of their travels doesn't include a description of the steep mountain roads between these bustling commercial cities. Instead, he focuses on the pattern of their ministry, their message, and the varied responses of the people.

Read Acts 13—14

1. Trace Paul's travels on the map on page 69.

What impresses you about Paul's ministry in Galatia (13:14—14:28)?

2. What do you learn about the people of Galatia and their culture?

Why do you think we still need to understand and apply this letter today?

6. What questions does this letter raise for you?

7. What ideas do you want to investigate more?

SUMMARY

1. If you had been a church leader in Galatia, how would you have felt as you heard this letter read?

2. What range of emotions does Paul express in this letter? Why?

PRAYER

Gracious Lord, thank you for the courageous ministry of Paul and Barnabas to the Jews and Gentiles of Galatia. Help us understand Paul's letter to the Galatian Christians for whom he cared so deeply. Grant us insight into how Paul's words relate to our needs and our life situations today. In your name we pray, amen.