

# BOOK OF GALATIANS

## *“Background”*

Scripture Reading: ACTS 13:13-14

- ) **SLIDES 1-6.** Bible Jeopardy!
- ) **SLIDES 7.** Read today’s Scripture text. Keep Bible’s open.
- ) **SLIDE 8.** Today we continue in our expository study of the Book of GALATIANS. This is message #27. I have titled today’s message *“Background.”*
- ) I get asked quite often by friends I hadn’t seen for a while, how I ever got involved in Christian ministry. I like to tell that story. I like to give them the background history of how I got from there (years ago) to here in 2021.
- ) We have spent 26 weeks in this expository study of the Book of GALATIANS. We are halfway through. And what I want to do this morning is this. I want to tell the background story of Paul’s first visits to these churches in the area of Galatia. How were the churches founded and what did Paul and others experience during these times? How did he get from wherever to Galatia?
- ) To do that, I will be doing a lot of reading from the Book of ACTS. And I also want us all to put on the hat of a person in the church at Galatia 2000 years ago. I want us all to get the feel of when this man, Paul of Tarsus, came into our city and what he experienced then and afterwards, and what prompted him to write us this letter.
- ) **SLIDE 9.** First, let’s our geography straight. Saul’s conversion on the road to Damascus.
- ) **SLIDE 10.** Paul’s first missionary journey.
- ) Read ACTS 13:13-16.

- ) Read ACTS 13:17-25.
- ) Read ACTS 13:26-39. The good news has been proclaimed. Not all the details, but to let them know Messiah has arrived.
- ) Read ACTS 13:40-41. Warning against rejection.
- ) Read ACTS 13:42-43. Encouraged to hear and know more.
- ) Read ACTS 13:44-45. Opposition.
- ) Read ACTS 13:46-49. Turn to the Gentiles.
- ) Read ACTS 13:50-52. Moving on to Iconium (85 miles).
- ) Read ACTS 14:1-4. At Iconium (area of Galatia).
- ) Read ACTS 14:5-7. Trouble. Moving on to Lystra (30 miles).
- ) Read ACTS 14:8-18. Miracle at Lystra.
- ) Read ACTS 14:19. Trouble follows from Antioch and Iconium (as far as 115 miles – 6 days journey).
- ) Read ACTS 14:20. Moving on to Derbe (30 miles).
- ) Read ACTS 14:21-23. Return trip to Antioch (145 miles).
- ) Read ACTS 14:24-28. Back to Antioch of Syria (1235 miles).
- ) Read ACTS 15:1-5. The circumcision issue.
- ) **SLIDE 11**. From the Book of ACTS, we learn about Paul's visit to these cities in the area of Galatia: Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe.
- ) Conclusion.
- ) Next week we will begin chapter four of this wonderful book of GALATIANS.

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