



# Sunday School Study Plan for February 2024

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Four Weeks (February 4, 11, 18, and 25)

**Topic: Faith that Stands on the Promises of God, not Man**

## Week 1: Deliverance and Freedom is at Hand (Galatians 1-2)

Guiding Questions: First Sign

1. Explain what was being taught in Galatia by some of the Jewish Christian Leaders who had initially followed Paul?
2. How did Paul's usual greetings to the early differ with the letter written to the Galatian church?
3. Discuss the necessity for Paul to explain who called him to his apostleship?
4. What were the challenges Paul faced with Peter and a few of the disciples and why did Paul publicly call Peter out?
5. Define Judaizers and the harm they were causing
6. Explain what Paul meant when he said "If righteousness could be gained by the law, then Christ died for nothing"

## Week 2: The Principles of Living in Faith when it is in Contrast with the Law (Galatians 3-4)

Guiding Questions: Second Sign

1. How did Paul describe the Galatians in Chapter 3 verse 1 and 3?
2. Did Paul's use of the Abraham story in Genesis 15:1-6 add any new justification to faith that would help the Galatians?
3. What does Paul make very clear to the Galatians about the promises of God in Chapter 3:15-18?
4. How did the law help us understand the freedom given to us by faith in Christ?
5. Explain specifically how we as Christians know we are sons and daughters of God?
6. What was Paul's attitude toward the Galatians originally and why was there no thanksgiving and delight in this visit?

## Week 3: Grace and the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5)

Guiding Questions: Third Sign

1. What does Paul call upon the believers to do in Galatian 5:1; explain why this plea is so important?
2. Why are people prone to live in the flesh rather than in grace?
3. What does Fruit of the Spirit mean?
4. How do you cultivate the Fruits of the Holy Spirit?
5. What is the main function of the fruit?

## Week 4: The Spiritual Harvest Is Worth Waiting on and Defending: (Galatians 6)

Guiding Questions: Fourth and Fifth Signs

1. If a Christian is led astray or is sinning, what should other Christians try to do?
2. What is reaped when we sow in the Spirit rather than the flesh?
3. Why should we never grow tired or weary of doing good?
4. What was Paul glorified in and what did he say about the people that impressed others by the flesh?
5. Describe Paul's attitude toward worldly things.

### WEEKLY HOMEWORK

1. READ TEXT FOR THE WEEK
2. USE A STUDY APPROACH TO RE-READ TEXT FOR PERSONAL AND BIBLICAL CONNECTIONS
  - A. CONSIDER 3 INSIGHTS, 2 SIGNIFICANT VERSES, AND ONE KEY WORD FOR DISCUSSION
  - B. USE BIBLICAL COMMENTARIES ON TEXT TO GIVE CONTEXT OR BACKGROUND
  - C. REVIEW VARIED TRANSLATIONS TO COMPARE MEANINGS
3. CONNECT LESSONS TO SERMONS FROM PAST DECADES AND LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

**2 Timothy 2:15**, KJV: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **2 Timothy 2:15**, NASB: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."