Written by: Paul

When: around **50-55 C.E.**

**Did You Know:** The epistles were **read aloud** to the congregations.

Martin Luther LOVED this letter and called it **“My Katie”**

**Paul vs. Peter!**

* In chapter 2, Paul mentions his feud with **Peter** (also known as **Cephas**).
* He calls Peter out for saying one thing (pro-Jewish Christian) and doing another (pro-Gentiles)

The Big Lead: Jewish Christians vs. Gentile Christians

Paul writes to the Galatian Christians out of deep concern that they are forsaking the gospel that he has preached and are listening instead to the message of certain Jewish Christian evangelists who are arguing that Gentile Christians must be circumcised according to Jewish law.

The Big Answer: FREEDOM

Paul insists that people are **justified by faith in Christ** rather than by keeping the requirements of Torah. By faith, they participate in the death and resurrection of Christ and now live as God’s children and heirs of God’s promises.

Galatians is considered the most focused manifesto for Christian freedom ever written.