

## **Story 124: Paul Writes to the Christians in Galatia**

Paul visited Galatia on one of his trips. He told the people there about Jesus, and many became believers. But there were still many wicked people who lived around the believers. The believers saw them doing bad things. It was difficult for the believers to resist doing bad things also. Paul wrote a letter telling them they must learn to listen to God's Spirit. God's Spirit would help them make right choices. Here are some of the things Paul wrote to them:

My friends, you were chosen to be free. So don't use your freedom as an excuse to do anything you want. Use it as an opportunity to serve each other with love. All that the Law says can be summed up in the command to love others as much as you love yourself. – Galatians 5:13-14

If you are guided by the Spirit, you won't obey your selfish desires. The Spirit and your desires are enemies of each other. They are always fighting each other and keeping you from doing what you feel you should. But if you obey the Spirit, the Law of Moses has no control over you. – Galatians 5:16-18

God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways. – Galatians 5:22-23