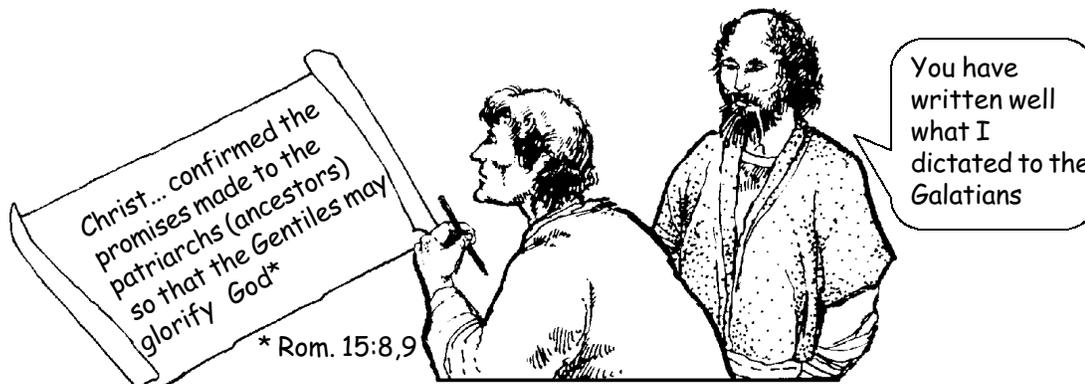


Home Study 1B

Paul's letter to the Galatians

1. About 2000 years after Abraham, someone wrote a letter about God's promises.



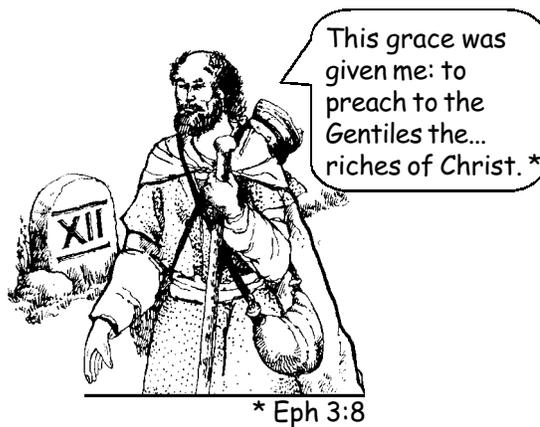
From the picture, you can see that the one dictating the letter is a) _____. In the letter he says that God's promises were for their b) _____ (and in particular to Abraham). Furthermore he writes that these promises will come true in c) _____ and that through him even the d) _____ would be blessed.

2. We need to get this firmly fixed in our minds:

God's blessing to all nations was:

promised to a) A _____ and confirmed in b) C _____

3. The blessing was **confirmed** in Christ, but Christ did not actually **carry** the blessing to all nations. God had prepared another Jew to do that.



The traveller in the drawing is a) _____, who was by nationality a b) _____.

He carried the blessing to the c) _____.

The Good News that he carried was about the d) u _____ r _____ of _____.

Answers

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| 1. a) Paul | 2. a) Abraham | 3. a) Paul |
| b) ancestors/patriarchs | b) Christ | b) Jew |
| c) Christ | | c) Gentiles |
| d) Gentiles | | d) unsearchable riches of Christ |

4. **To Think About**

This blessing of Christ has reached you too, thanks to the work of Paul and others. Write down in your notebook some of the riches that you have come to enjoy in Jesus. If you need help, ask your Group Leader in the next group meeting.

5. Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, made several journeys carrying the riches of Christ to those who were not Jews.

Look at Supplement 1 on page 228, where the arrow shows Paul's **first** missionary journey. This arrow shows us that, on his **first** journey, Paul carried the blessing of the promise to those in the province of _____.

6. **Review**

The blessing of God to all nations was:

- a) promised to _____
 - b) fulfilled in _____
 - c) carried by _____
- and all three were by nationality d)_____.

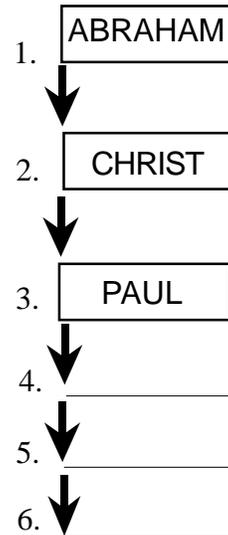
7. **To Think About**

Think about this diagram which shows how God has brought to you personally the blessing he promised 4000 years ago through Abraham and his descendants.

For answer 4: write the name of someone who has helped you to know Jesus Christ better, and pray for this person, giving thanks to God.

For answer 5: write your own name, praying that the blessing of 4000 years will not stop at you.

For answer 6: write the name of someone whom you wish to lead to Christ, praying for that person, and thinking about the steps you must take so that he or she also may receive and rejoice in the infinite riches of Christ.



Note: If **writing** the name could cause embarrassment, just pray.

Answers

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| 5. Galatia | 7. 4. Personal answer |
| 6. a) Abraham | 7. 5. Personal answer |
| b) Christ | 7. 6. Personal answer |
| c) Paul | |
| d) Jews | |



The apostle Paul carried the message of Christ to Galatia. Afterwards he sent a letter to the new believers there. Read the following sentences chosen from the first verses of this letter to the Galatians.

8. From Paul—to the Churches of Galatia:

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself (to die) for our sins.”

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel.”

“Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. Let (such) be eternally condemned!”

(Selected from Galatians 1:1-10)

After reading the phrases above several times, choose from the list below the description which you think explains best their chief meaning. (Check the right answer)

- a. Paul congratulates the Galatians for their faithfulness to the gospel of Christ.
- b. Paul condemns some false teachers for spreading a different gospel; and also the Galatians for believing their errors.
- c. Paul condemns the false teachers, but congratulates the Galatians for having rejected their errors.
- d. Paul blames himself for the whole miserable affair.

**Now review until perfect & then do Test 1B
to be found on page 205 of this Study Book.**

If you have finished the Study in good time and want to study more, review the Group Study of the previous group meeting to fix it in your mind. Pray about the principal points, and apply them to your own life.

Answers

8. b.