



# Galatians

So Quickly Leaving the Gospel

# Refreshing Trip (R&R = Refreshing Roller coaster)

China Bay Area—fun (Bay area too); 11 cities, 100+ million)

Renton sarcasm—65 not 4 (Rockstar) yes throwing rocks less now, Hugo and Hong Kong (new 3-gen tailor)

India—grand strategy (when the capital moves in North India)

40 years to the month (I hate tour buses); Richard MTS several million \$; Vijay—13,000 North India churches (the capital is moving)

Bangkok (refreshing, “you may be around toooooo long”)

4 days: 24 hours of tests, 9 doctors/21 assistants (2-hour balance test, 2-hour lung test—exhale-more-longer-longer-seeing stars, 4–5 restarts), blood pressure was too low, drinking way too much water over activates things you don’t want to activate). Next trip brain and neurologist) and full genome—next paradigm in medical world—2,500 clinical trials complete in next 5 years

# Polishing Galatians

Until August 1, 2033

Polishing Galatians in light of the entire MTS series

Galatians: first level of the conversion process in the Pastoral Care Taxonomy

Learning to establish new believers and unstable/untaught believers

Your next 2 years of Mastering the Scriptures using Paul's Early Letters

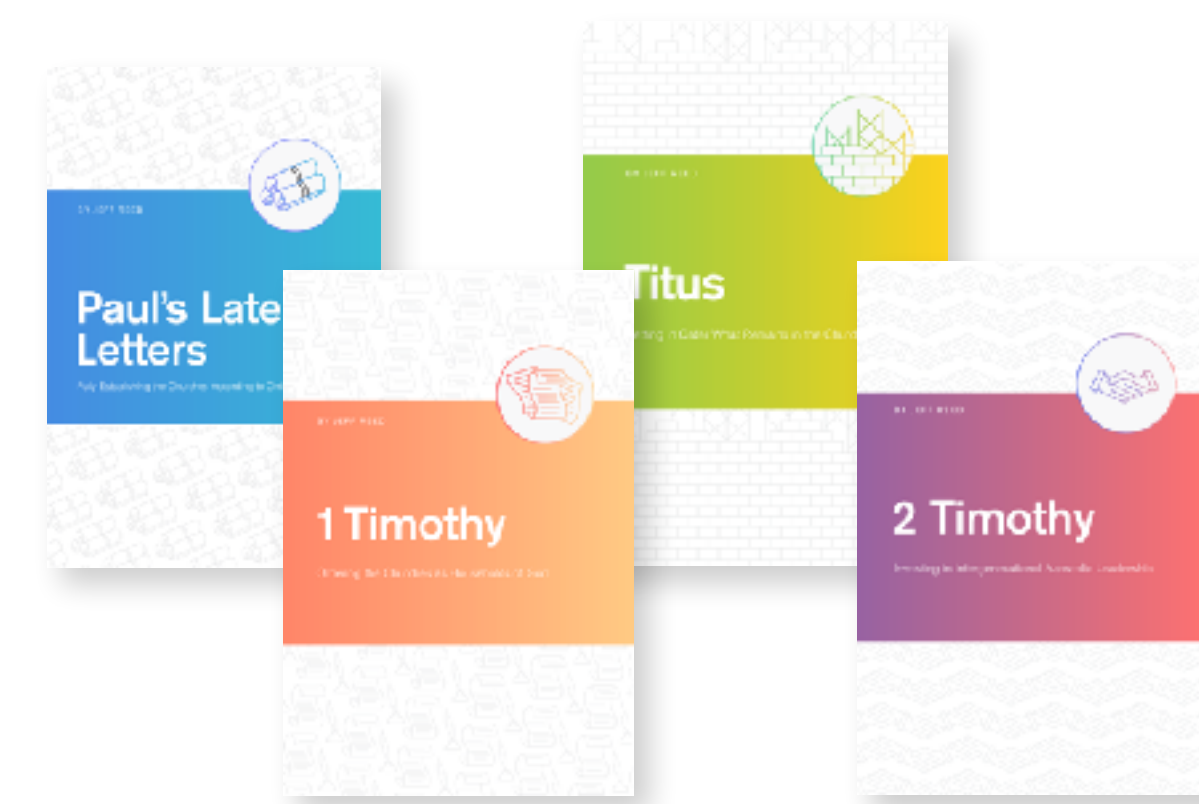
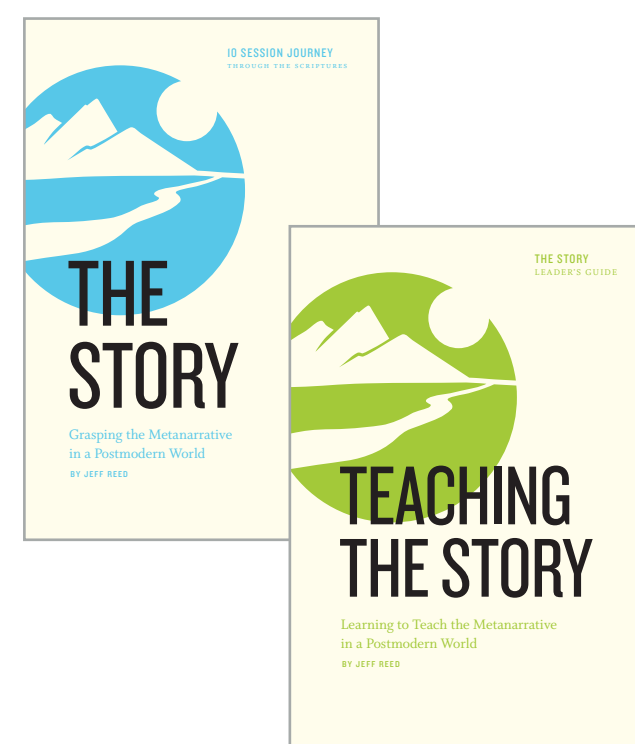
My very annoying wife!!!

Capstoning 10-year project

Your bottom line: If I am successful, I will capture 10 hours of your time a week for 2 years, this is plan A, plan C is much worse!!)

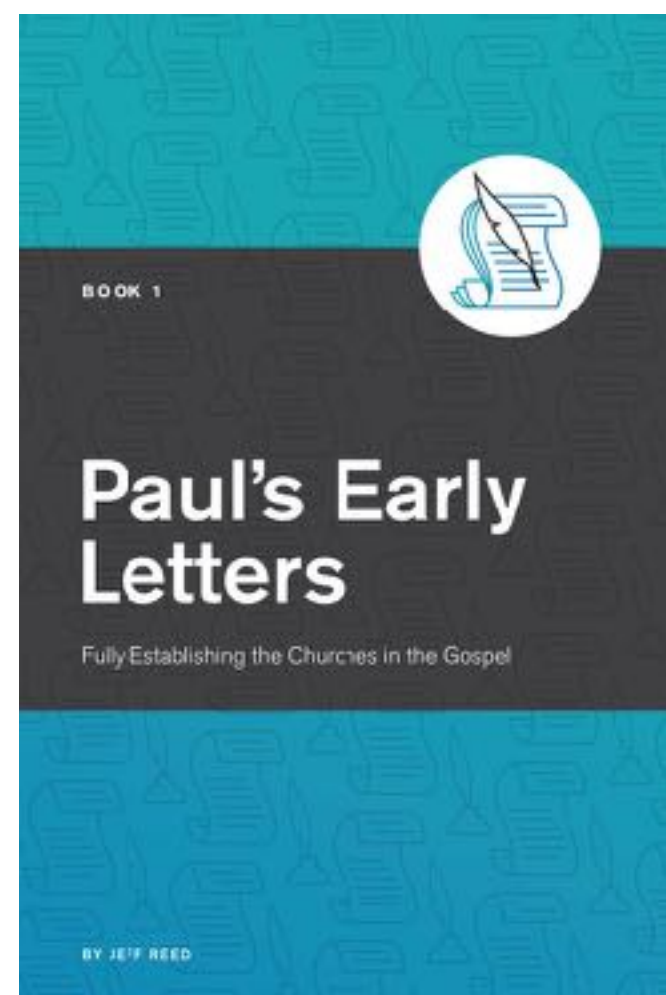


# The New Perspective on Paul





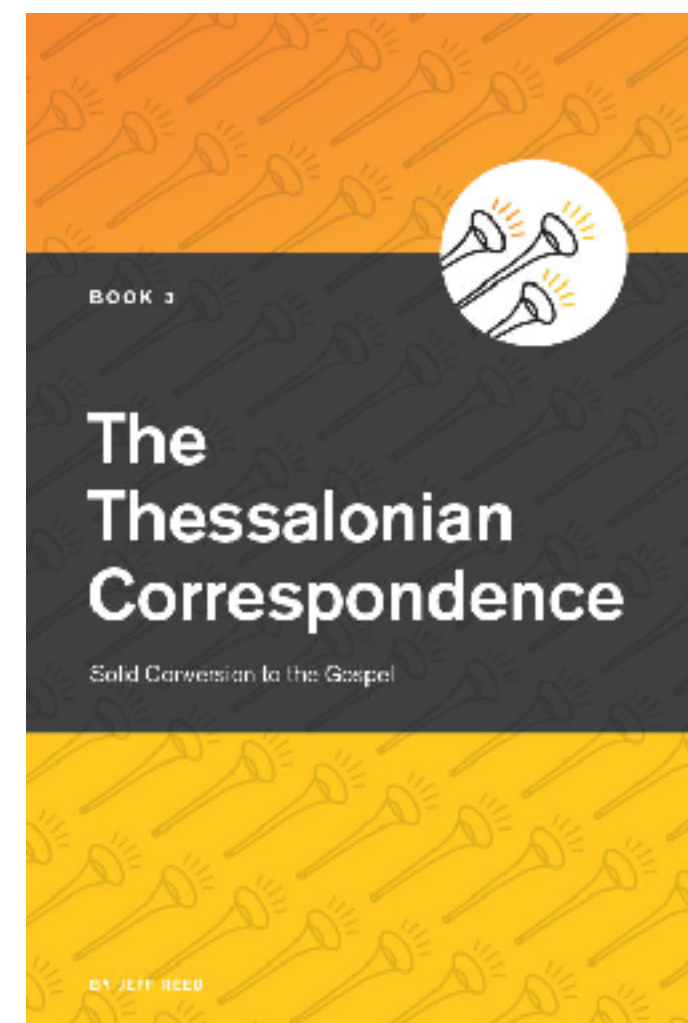
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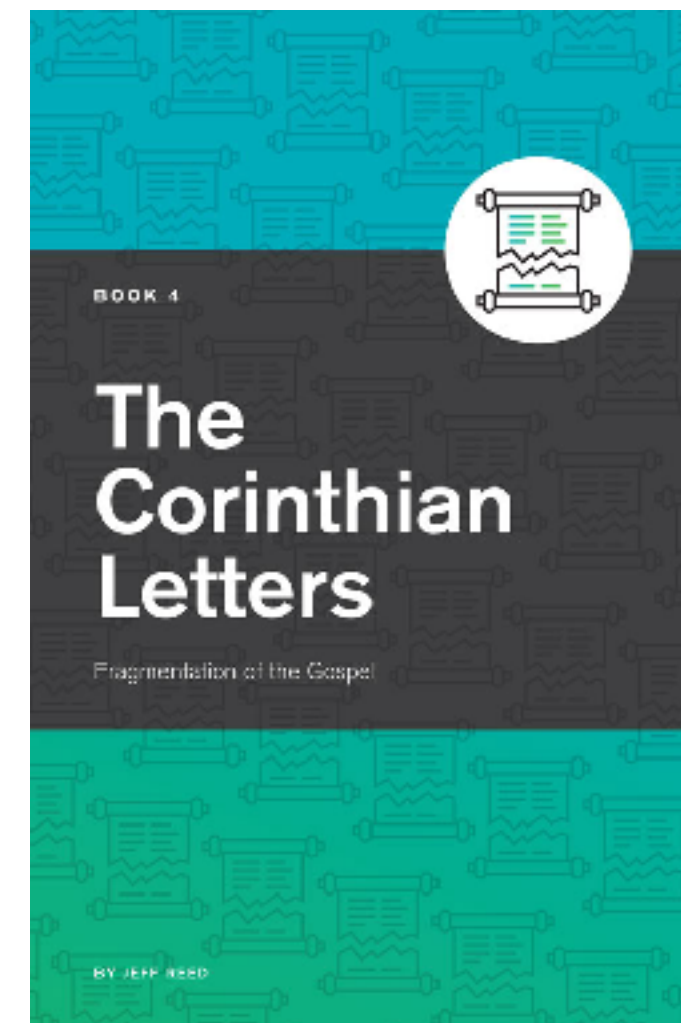
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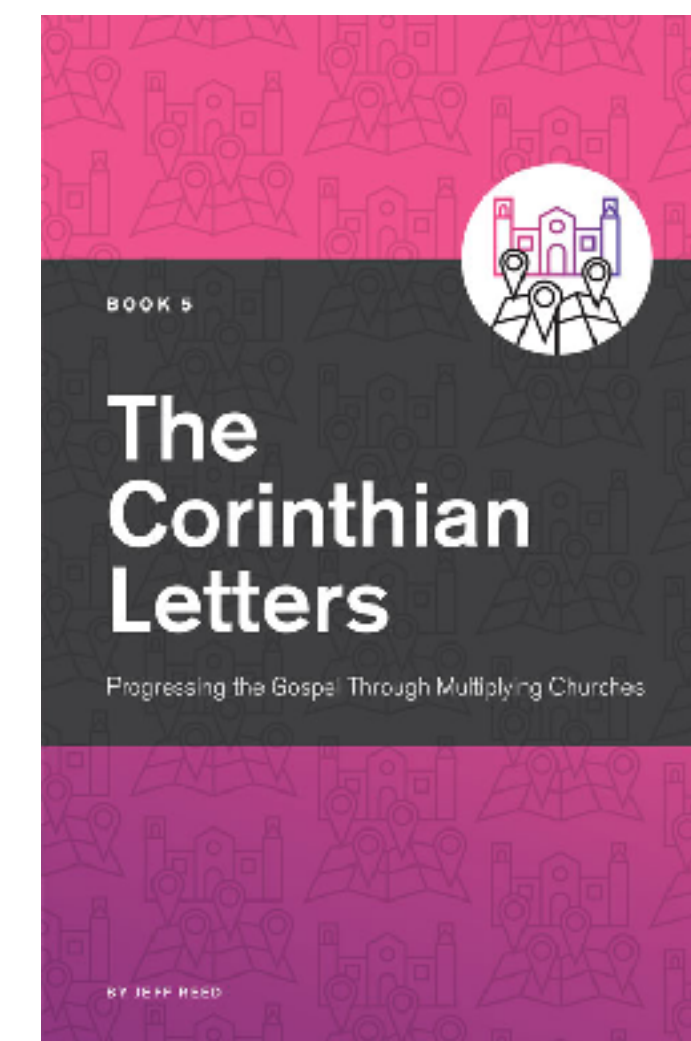
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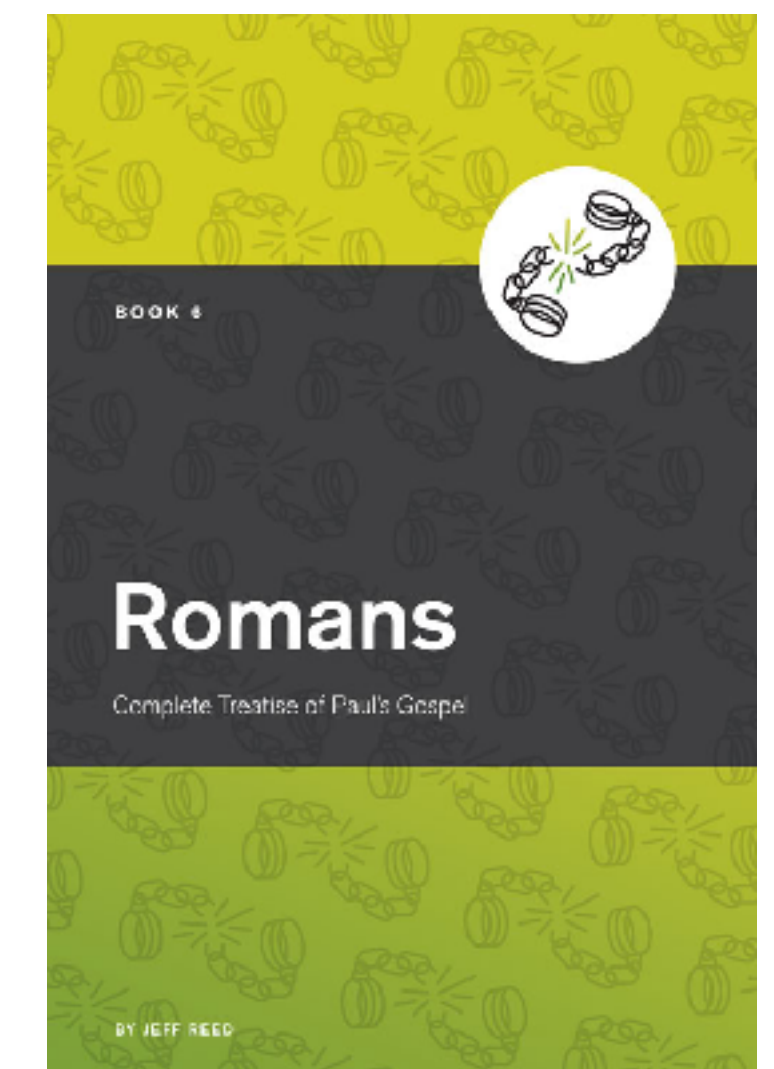
Winter/Summer 51



Sept. 53



June 56



Nov. 56

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The battle for the gospel went from autumn A.D. 47, until the writing of Romans in the middle of November 56—ten years.

Paul's first confrontation with Peter—autumn 47 (Gal. 2:1–10)

Peter in Antioch—autumn 49 (Gal. 2:11–16)

Jerusalem Council—autumn 49

Then the early letters of Paul—autumn 49, ending with Romans in 56

It took Paul a decade to win that argument, which he completed with his Romans manifesto on the gospel.

Then on to his rather compact, full unveiling of the Church.



# The New Perspective on Paul

The intention of these early letters is to establish the churches in the gospel.

Paul broadens the understanding of the gospel, and he roots solutions to the problems his churches were encountering to that growing and broadening understanding of the kerygma and its implications.

This intention will become clearer and clearer as each letter unfolds.

It is validated in the six books of this series as you study the correspondence of these early letters:

Paul's Early Letters

The Galatian letter

The Thessalonian correspondence

The Corinthian letters (2)

The letter to the Romans

# The New Perspective on Paul



## The Early Letters

Book 1: Paul's Early Letters: Fully Establishing the Churches in the Gospel

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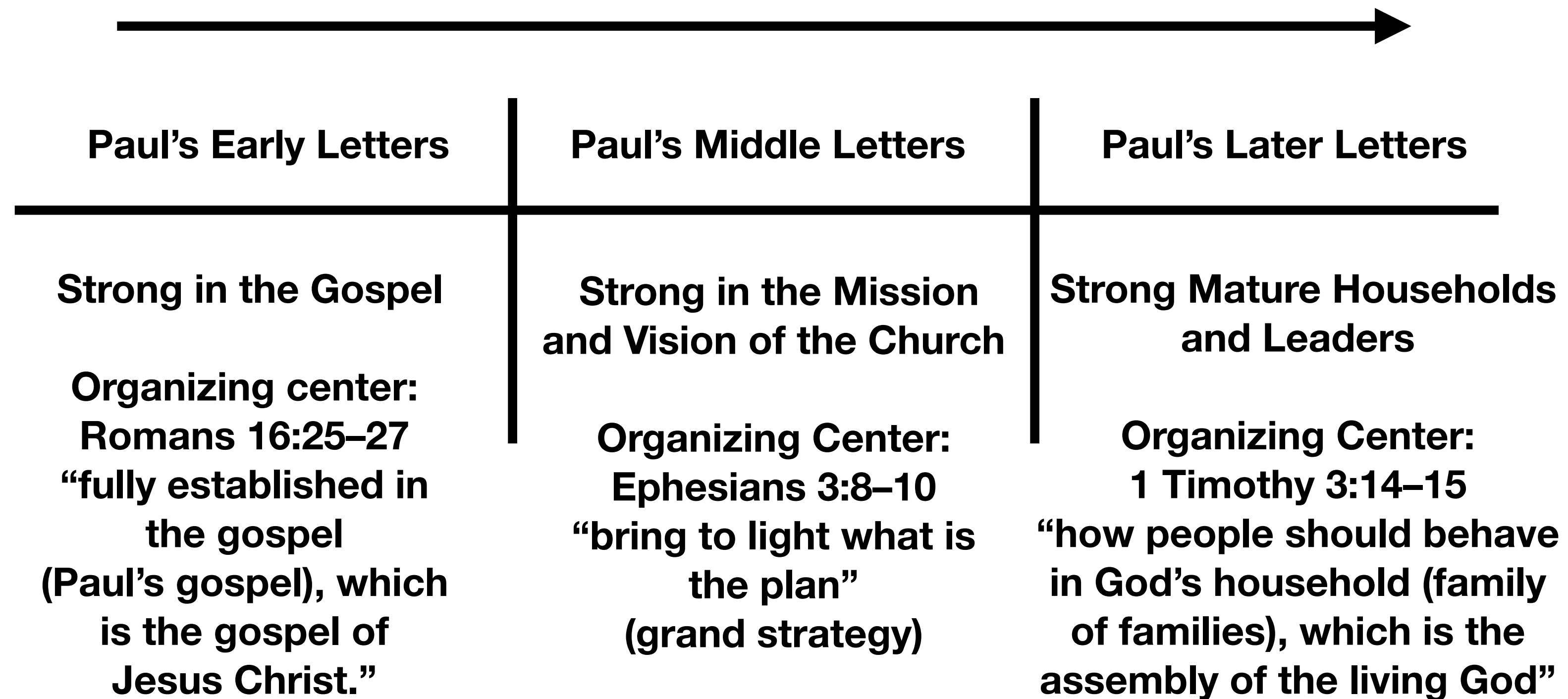
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Topos Schematic (Overall Framework): Establishing Church Networks (Traditioning Paul)



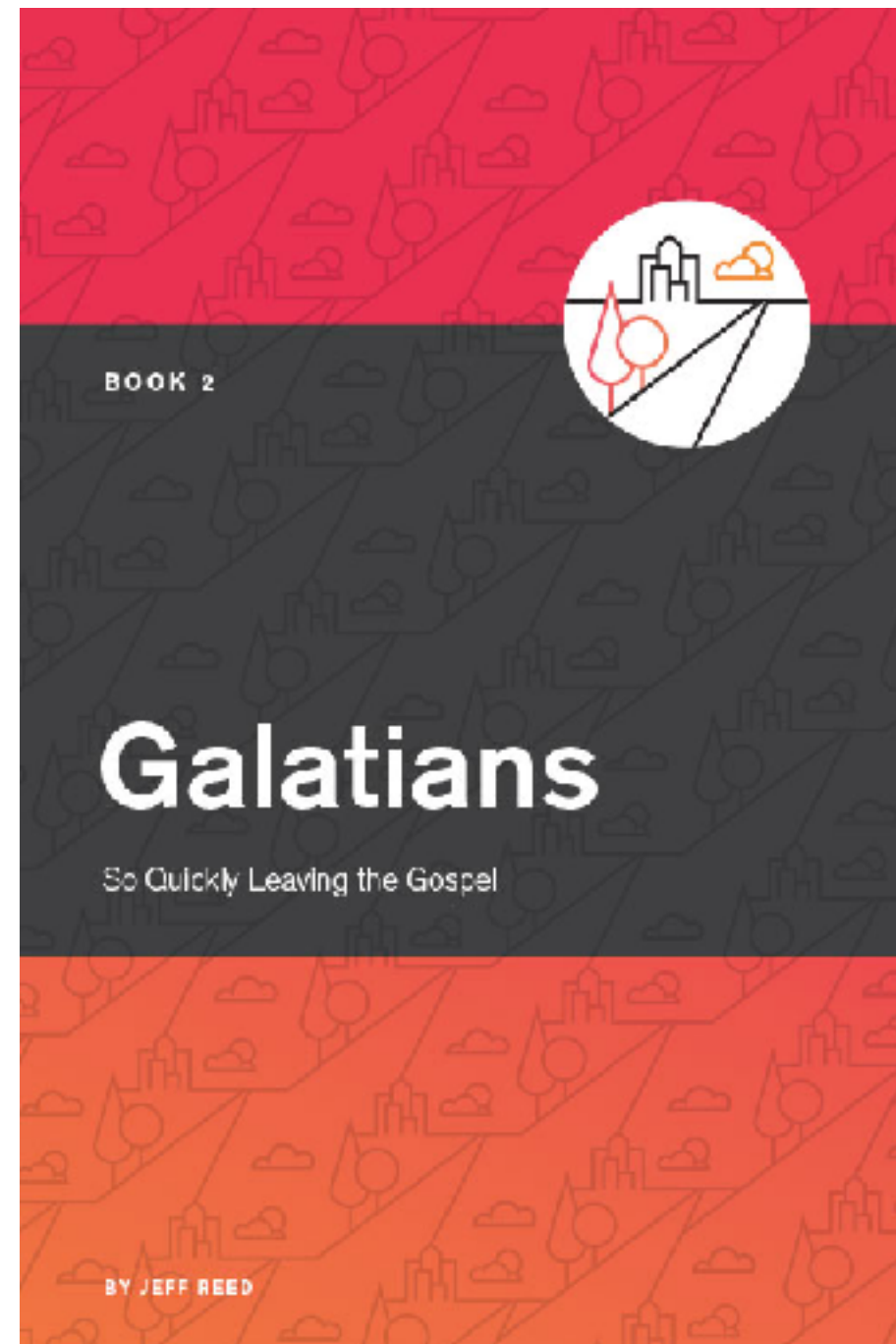
# Literary Design: Complex Network Establishing (Encoding) Benchmarks (Traditioning of Paul)



Paul's Early Letters	Paul's Middle Letters	Paul's Later Letters
The Gospel	Mission/Vision of the Church	Mature Households and Leaders
Gospel Formula: 1 Cor. 15:1-6 Peter's 5 sermons, Galatians	Christ's grand strategy Eph. 3:8-10	Churches set in order (household topos) 1 Timothy 3:14-16
Solid conversion: 1 & 2 Thess.	One mature church: equipping saints Ephesians 4:1-16	Solid senior eldership Titus 1:5-9 elders, deacons, women: 1 Timothy 3
"Now concerning..." List of schisms: 1 Corinthians	Household texts (family): Ephesians 5:22-6:9 Colossians 3:18-4:1	Household texts (family of families): 1 Timothy 5:1-6:2 Titus 2:1-21
Gathering Topos: Lord's Supper-Symposium: 1 Corinthians 11:17-14:40	Theology in culture: Philemon	Key, intergenerational apostolic leaders and teams
Perspective of ministry: conflicts without, fears within: 2 Cor. 2:14-7:5	Participation in progress of the gospel: Philippians' model (teams, finances)	Training process, stewardship responsibilities: 2 Timothy
Paul's complete treatise of the gospel: Romans	Network churches: hub (Ephesus) cluster (Lycus Valley) strategic (Philippi)	Leadership virtue/vice cluster lists: 1 Timothy 3:2-4, 8-12; 6:3-5; Titus 1:6-9; 3:3; 2 Timothy 3:2-5
"Pauline cycle" duly recognized gatherings		



# The Fully Established in the Gospel



Galatians: So Quickly Leaving the Gospel, Book 2

Session 1: The Galatian Problem

Session 2: The Pure, Unaltered Gospel

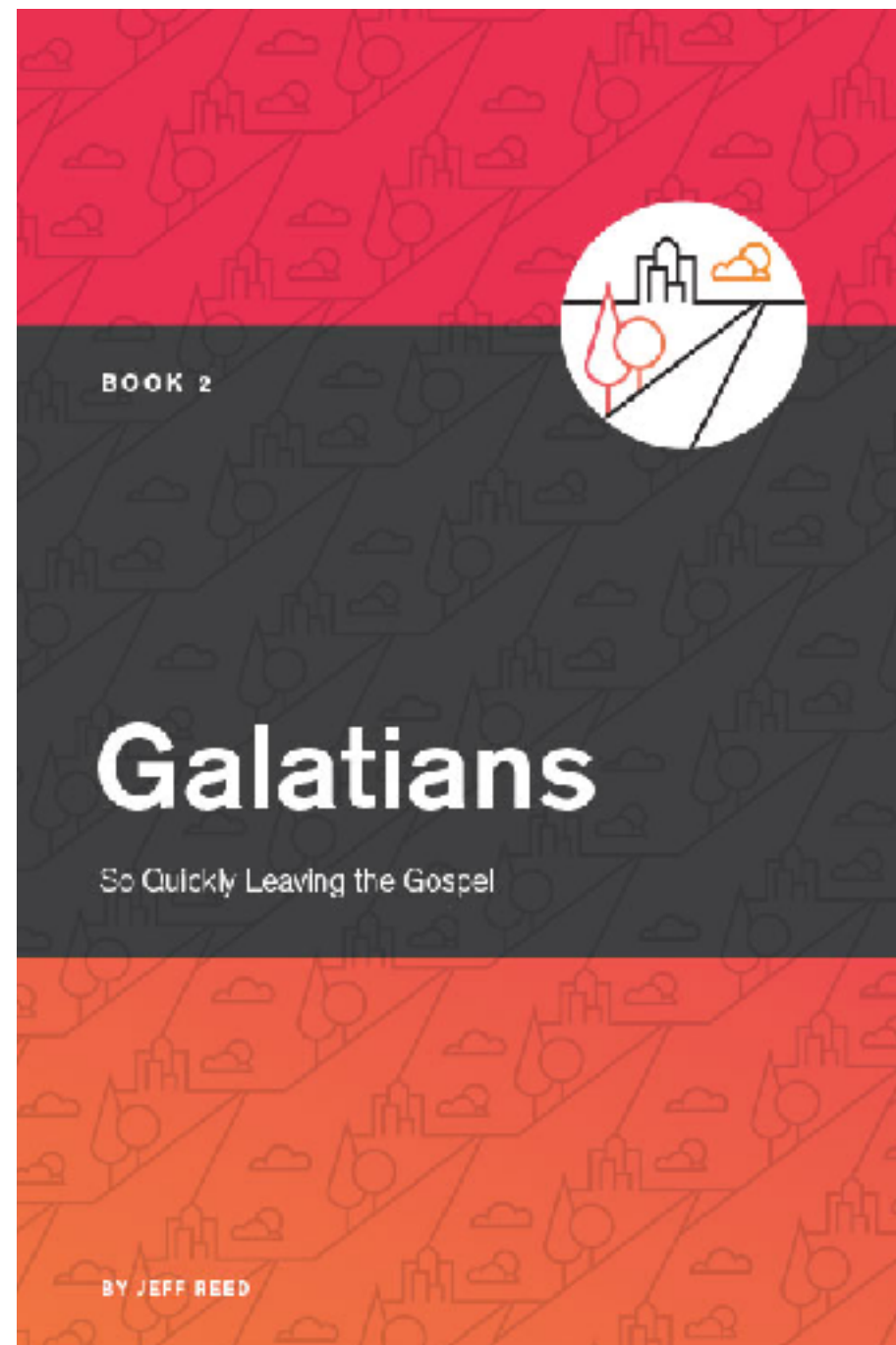
Session 3: The Gospel as a System of Living

Session 4: The Gospel and Walking in the Spirit

Session 5: The Gospel and Respecting Leaders

Here are a few key slides from the booklet.

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The passage is really simple. (Galatians 1 & 2)

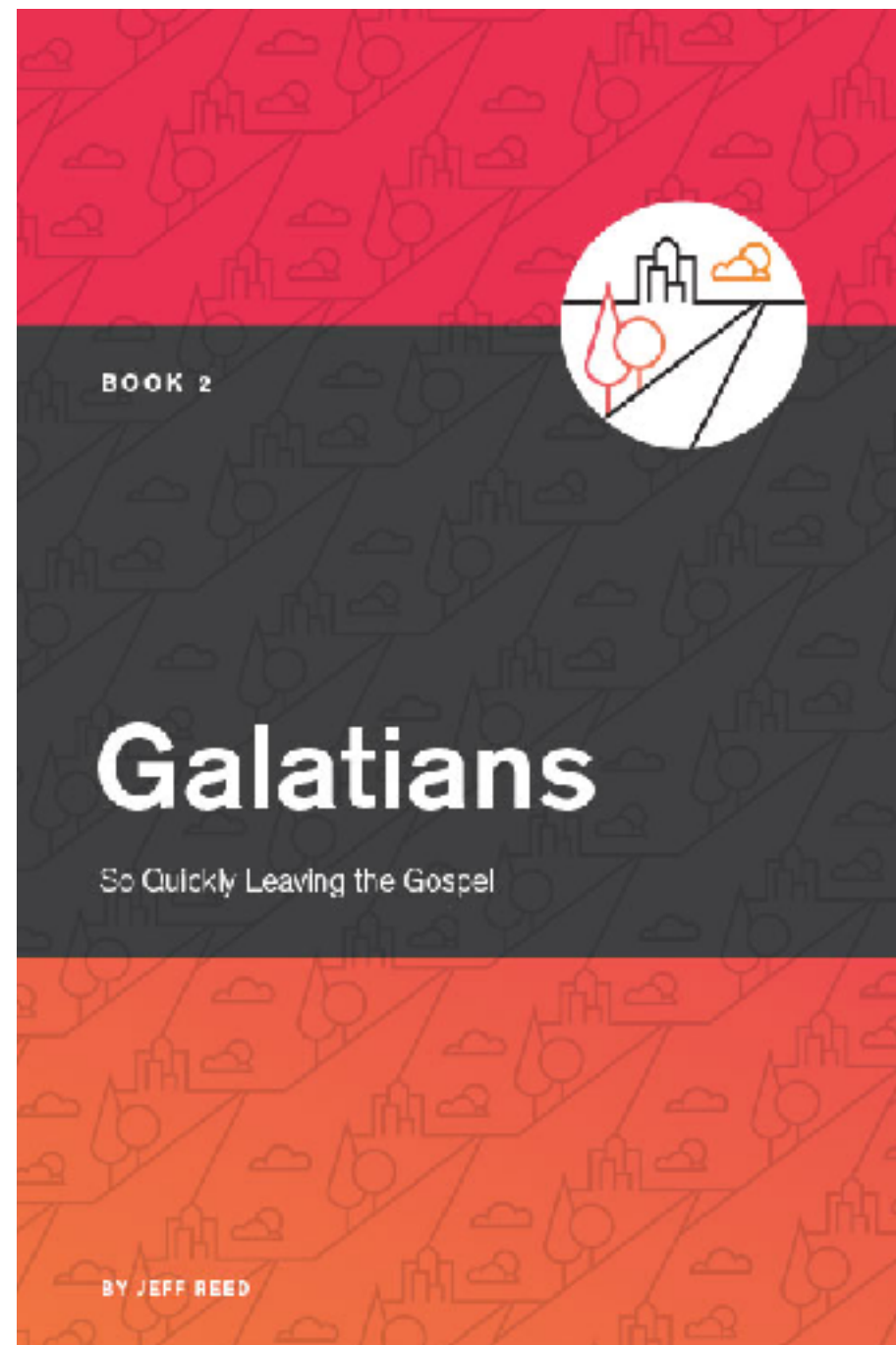
The gospel truth extends to how we live our life once we have received it.

It means Christ has brought freedom from the law, so we are to live with a new “system”: we are free from the law and are to live according to Christ’s system—Christ’s principles, which set the guidelines for the churches—**not the Jewish system.**

It begins with Christ living in me and leading me in a new way of living.



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Three times Paul uses a similar phrase:

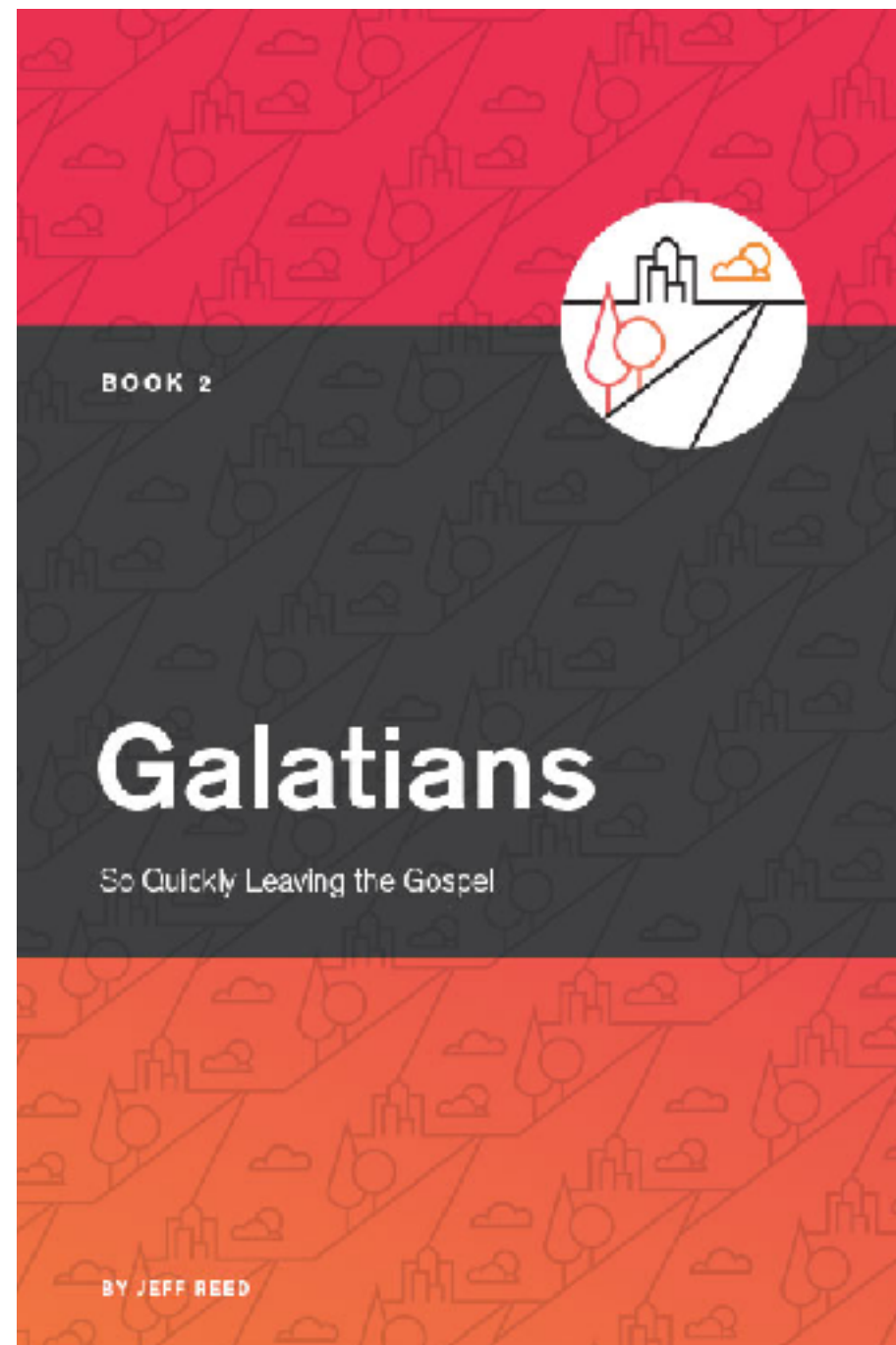
“who lines up by that standard” 6:16

“walking the straight line of the true gospel” 2:14

“let’s line up with the Spirit” 5:16

What exactly does he mean?

# The Fully Established in the Gospel



We must learn to fully embrace “lining up with a new standard” if we are to embrace Paul’s gospel.

This means learning the “canon of writings” left by Paul

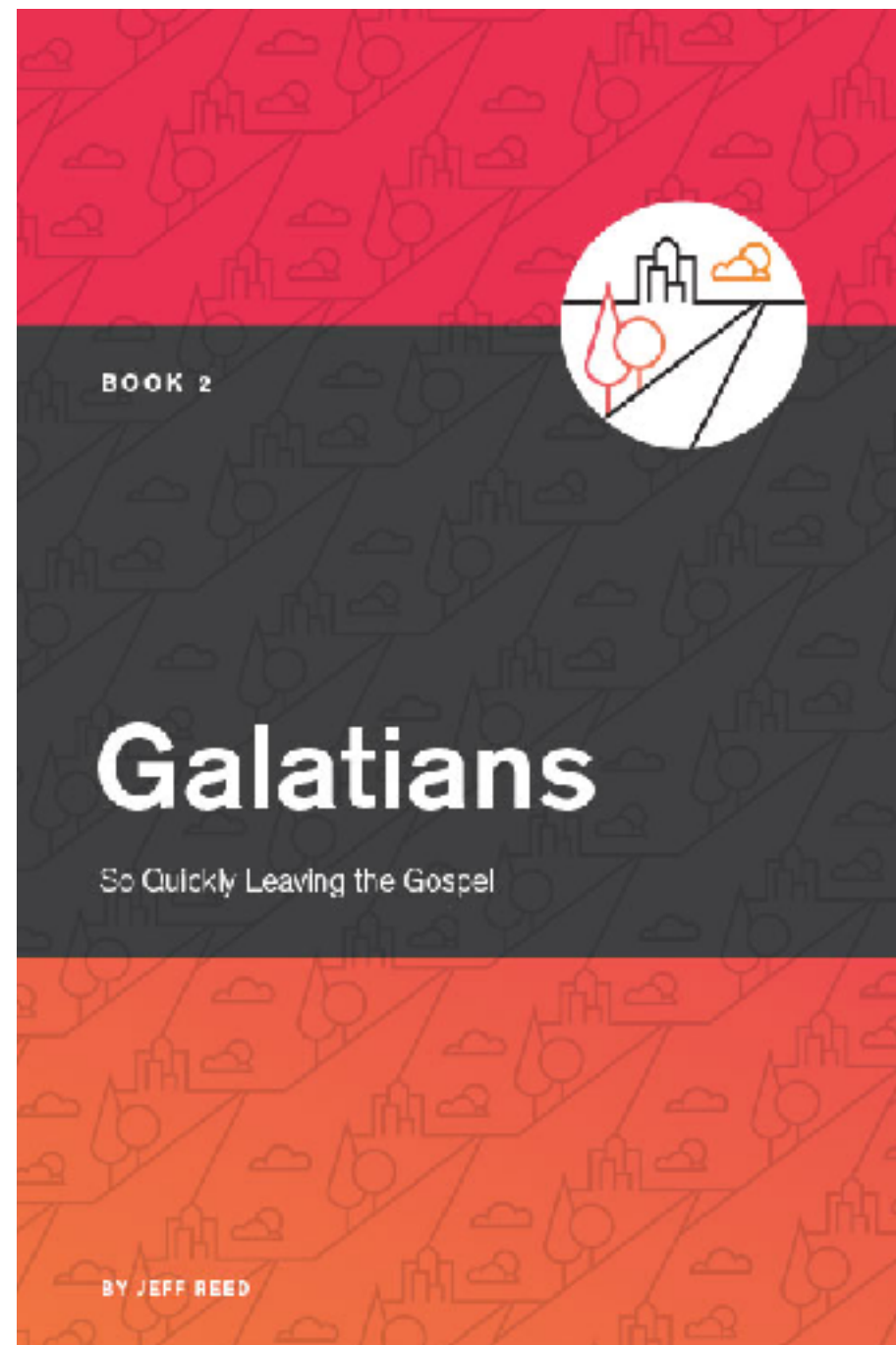
Not some legalistic system of our Western tradition.

Not some liturgical system—Western or Eastern.

Not some mystical set of “Christian life,” “second blessing,” or “dying to self” formula.



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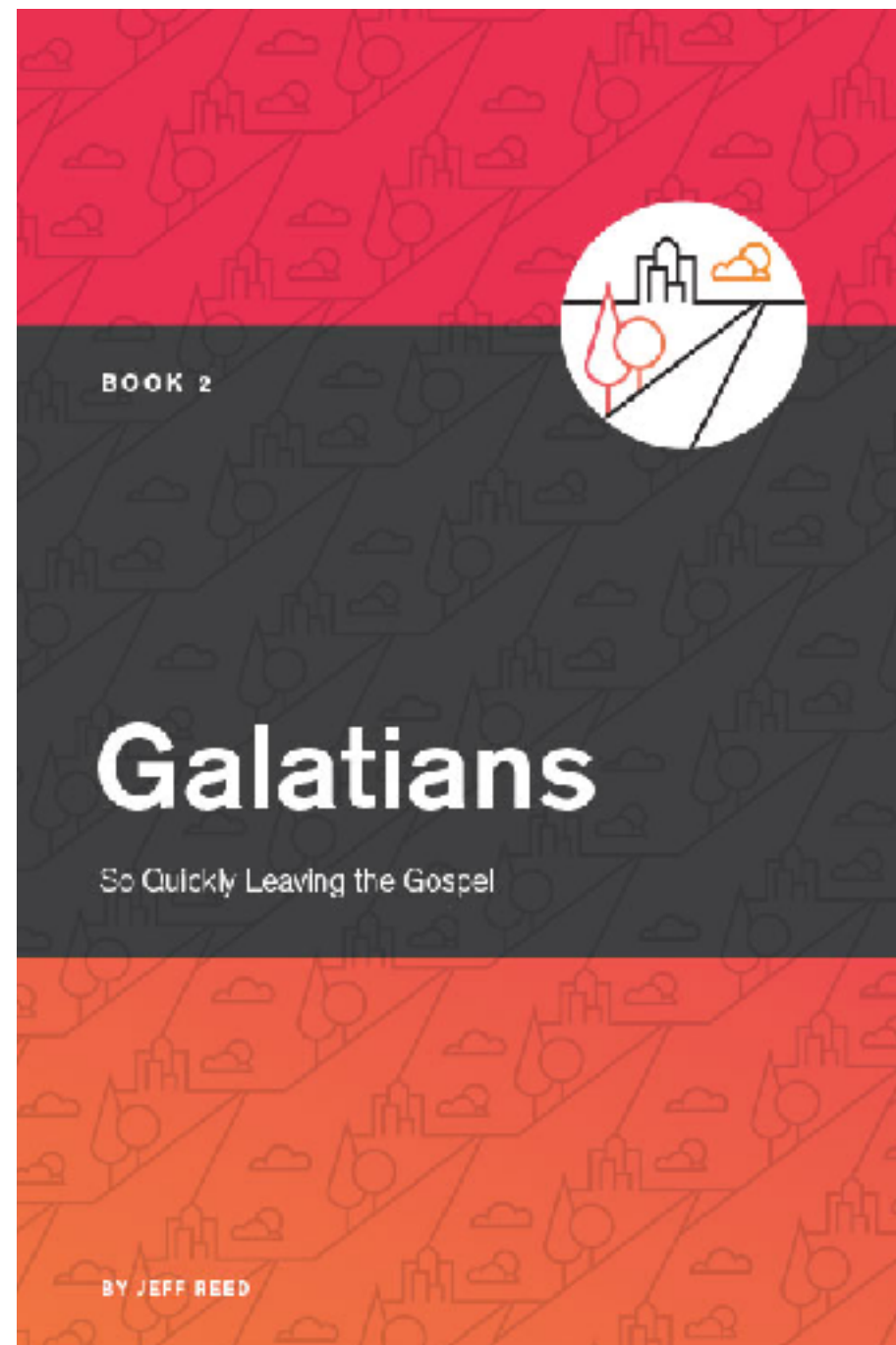


Let's go back and look at 5:16

The framework:

1. You became a new creation by believing the gospel; you are now free, in the new community, following Christ rather than the law system.
2. Now that you are in the new community, the church, choose to live that way: follow Christ's teaching that the Spirit is delivering to the churches through the Apostles, especially Paul.
3. As we do that, the Spirit will continue His transformational work in our lives and churches.

# The Fully Established in the Gospel



If we fully participate with those who are teaching

1. We will participate fully in the kingdom of God, inheriting all that God intended for us.
2. This involves shaping our lives according to the teaching.
3. It involves fully participating with leaders who are passing on and guarding the teaching.
4. If we are aloof, always questioning and standing on the outside, we will not fully inherit all that God intends for us.

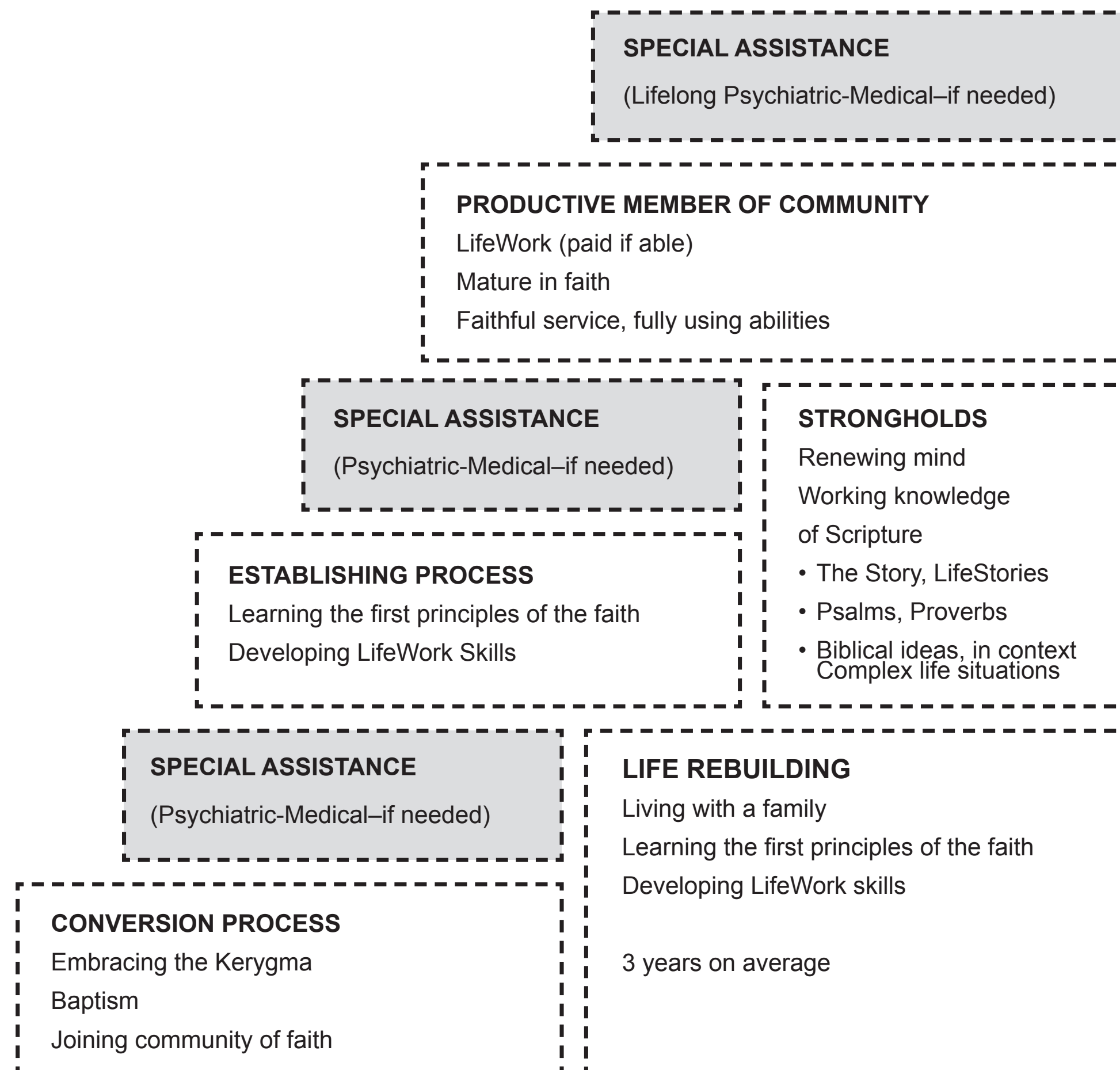


# Galatians: New and Unestablished Believers

Galatians	New Believer	Unstable and Untaught Believer
<p>The Gospel Core</p> <p>Gospel Formula: 1 Cor. 15:1–6 Peter’s 5 sermons, Galatians</p> <p>No mixture of the Law back into the gospel; Conflict with Peter</p> <p>The gospel as a system of living</p> <p>Learning to live life in the Spirit,” a new mindset based on this new system, anticipating the transformation of the Spirit</p> <p>The importance of respecting leaders who are committed to teaching and guarding the truth.</p>	<p>Establishing a New Believer</p> <p>They must <b>learn</b> the complete core components of the gospel.</p> <p>They must <b>learn</b> to not mix in their past religious systems (works oriented), but embrace the complete gospel as presented by Paul in his early letters.</p> <p>They must <b>learn</b> a whole new system of living (didache)—the first principles of Christ.</p> <p>They <b>learn</b> to “live life in the Spirit,” a new mindset based on this new system, anticipating the transformation of the Spirit.</p> <p>They must <b>learn</b> to respect the authority of leadership responsible for teaching and guarding the gospel and fully support them.</p>	<p>Establishing Immature Believers</p> <p>They must <b>rethink</b> the gospel and identify missing or distorted components parts.</p> <p>They must begin <b>to rethink</b> their current distortions of the gospel, and begin relearning the complete gospel, as presented by Paul in his early letters.</p> <p>They must <b>relearn</b> a whole new system of living (didache)—the first principles of Christ.</p> <p>They must <b>learn</b> to “live life in the Spirit,” rebuilding a new mindset based on this system, anticipating the transforming of the Spirit</p> <p>They must <b>rethink</b> the significance of leadership responsible for teaching and guarding the gospel and the need to fully support them.</p>

# Galatians: New and Unestablished Believers

## PASTORAL CARE TAXONOMY



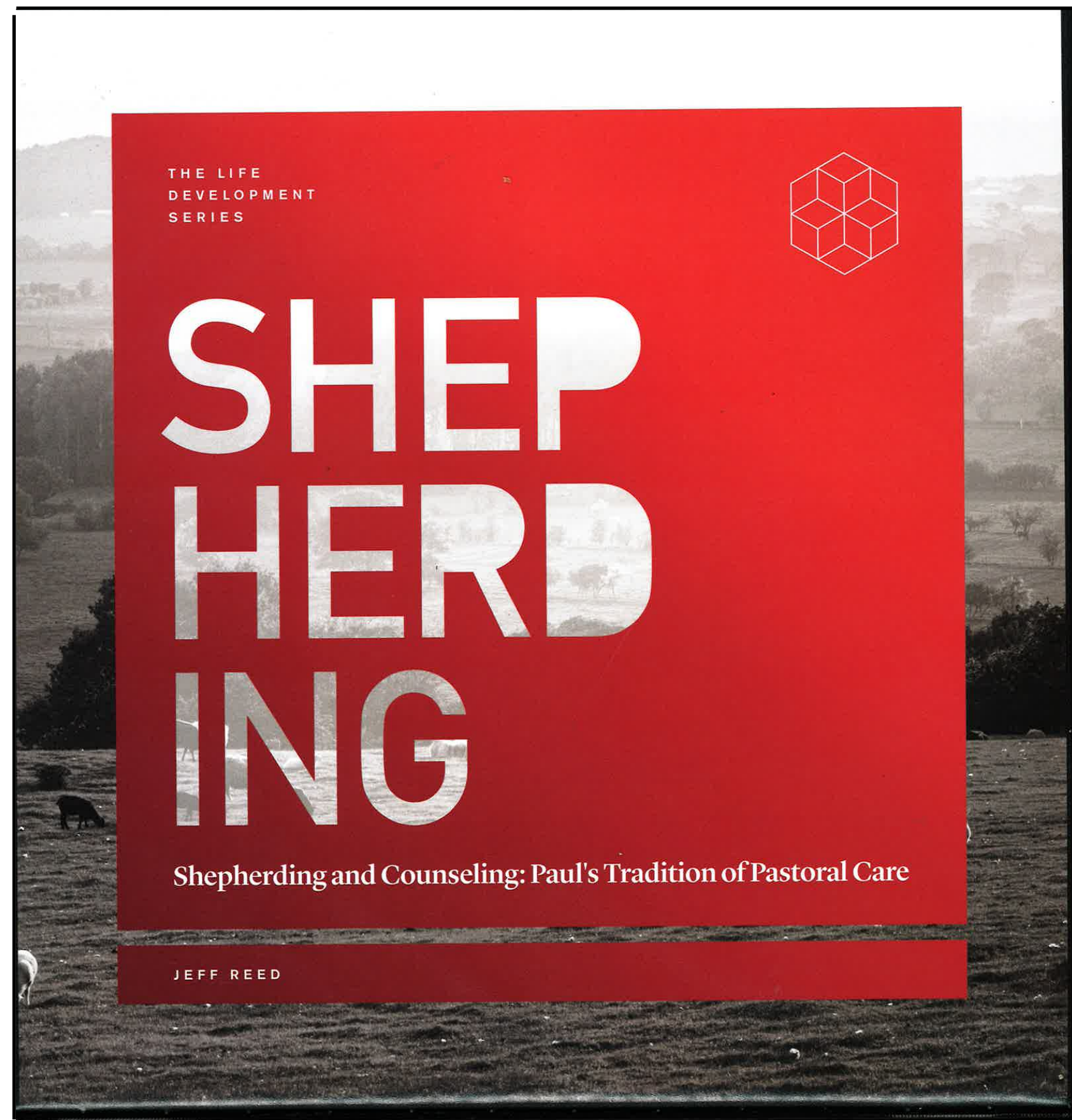
Based on the above chart, all believers need to be taught correctly or they will be unstable (unestablished) in the faith.

Both new and unestablished may have significant strongholds in their lives that need additional shepherding and counseling to carefully lay solid foundations in the gospel.

Both need to rethink their philosophy and principles of life, which means both need careful foundations laid in the gospel, which Paul's early letters focus on.



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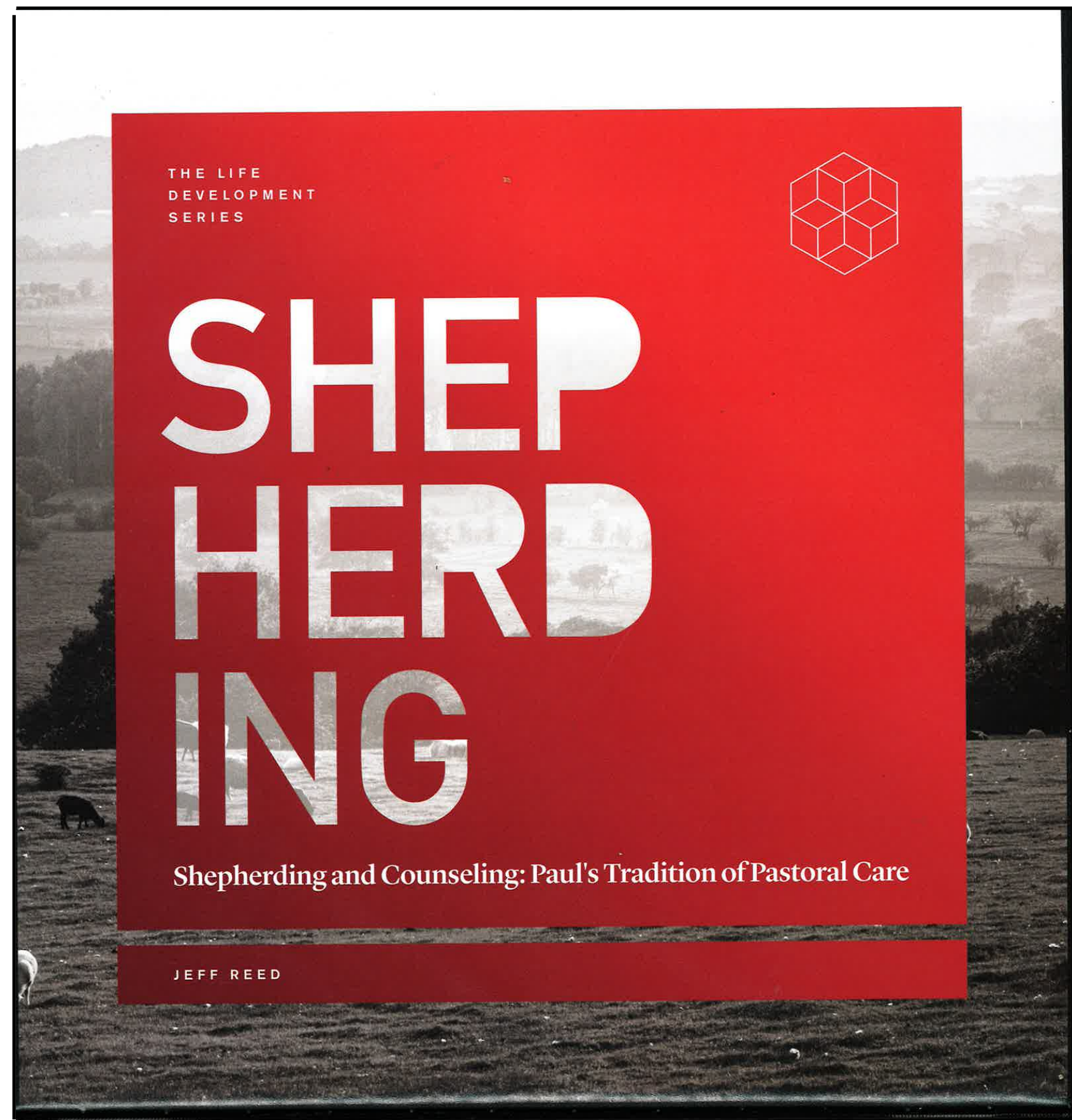


Shepherding and Counseling—Paul's Tradition of Pastoral Care

- Session 1: The Pastoral Care Taxonomy: Schema and Principles
- Session 2: The Pastoral Care Taxonomy: Processes and Practices
- Session 3: MicroSkills Hierarchy
- Session 4: Major Life Development Tools
- Session 5: Mastering the Scriptures
- Session 6: Medical, Legal, and Governmental Assistance
- Session 7: ReBuild Programs
- Session 8: Personal Competency Portfolio



# Galatians: New and Unestablished Believers



## Launching the Counseling Shepherding Paradigm

Senior elders and wives discussions:

9 evening discussions at Reeds' lounge. Dinner followed by a 2-hour discussion. Completed in 2023.

Executive Education Program: Shepherding and Counseling:

3½ hours, 9 Monday nights, once a month. Completed in 2024. For senior elders and wives.

Senior elder cluster leaders' discussions:

Each senior elder will lead a 2-hour similar discussion with church leaders in their church cluster teams.



# Galatians: New and Unestablished Believers

Shepherding and Counseling Goals After 2 Years:

1. All of our leaders, senior elders, and their leadership teams will be fully established in the gospel and capable of fully establishing both new believers and unstable/untaught believers fully in the gospel.
2. The starting point of all of our shepherding and counseling, whether informal counseling or one another to formal counseling by senior elders and their leadership teams, will be skill in establishing new and unstable/untaught believers fully in the gospel.
3. All new believers and unstable/untaught believers in our churches, in formal counseling or in ReBuild (our 3-year rebuilding process) will be established in the gospel by skilled leaders of our churches, as the first phase of their development process.
4. All of our leaders will take very seriously mastering Paul's Early Letters using the MTS booklets skillfully.

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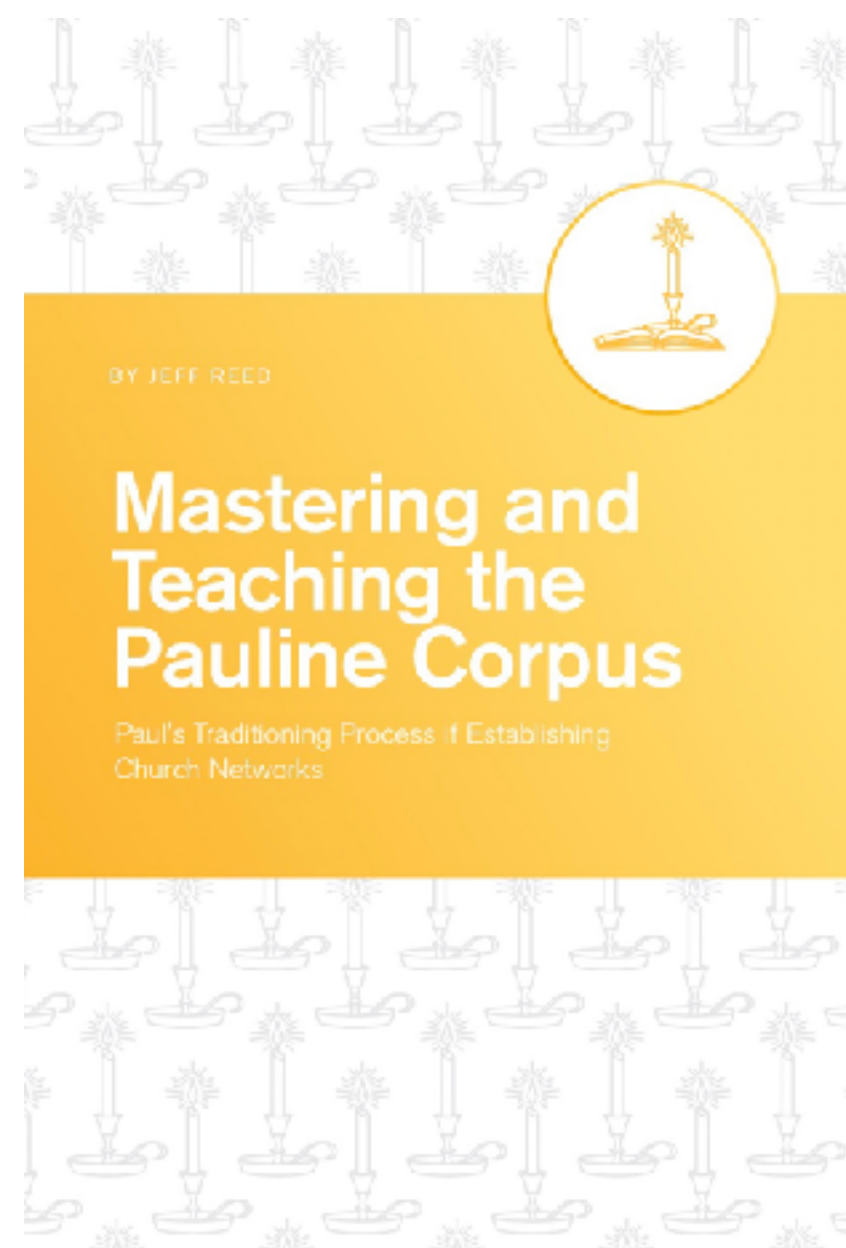
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# The New Perspective on Paul



## Teaching Mastering the Scriptures

Session 1: The New Perspective on Paul: Rethinking Western Hermeneutics

Session 2: Canonical Structure and the New Perspective on Paul

Session 3: Paul's Traditioning Process: Schematic for Setting Churches in Order

Session 4: Paul's Process of Doing Theology in Culture Within the Grand Strategy Schema

Session 5: Paul's Letters as Tools for Building Complex Apostolic Networks

Session 6: The New Perspective on Paul and the Gospels

Session 7: Mastering, Teaching, and Using the Mastering the Scriptures

# Galatians: New and Unestablished Believers

Issue: Fully establishing new believers and unstable/untaught believers in the gospel

1. What do you think it takes to establish new believers fully in the gospel as laid out by Paul in his early letters?
2. What do you think it takes to establish unstable/untaught believers in the gospel as laid out by Paul in his early letters?
3. Why is it so critical that the pastoral care taxonomy begin with the process of conversion, focused on the gospel as its foundation? What might happen in the shepherding and counseling process if we do not begin there?
4. At what level are you capable of fully establishing believers fully in the gospel now? What would it take over the next 2 years for you to develop a high level of skill in establishing others?