

# L1: Galatians 1:1-5: Deliver Us From This Present Evil World

## Galatians Preview:

- Design of Edification
  - Romans Foundation
  - 1 & 2 Corinthians - Wisdom of the World
  - Galatians - The Law
- Galatia region in Asia Minor (modern Turkey)
  - Paul from Tarsus a province of Cilicia, was not far from Galatia
  - Paul vs. Pharisaical Law
  - Jerusalem Council (Gal. 2 & Acts 15)
    - Galatians written after Acts 15
- Galatians counters the false teachers that justification and sanctification comes by the law
  - Inability of the law to justify
  - The believers deadness to the law
  - Identity with Christ - baptized into Christ
  - Abraham's justification by faith
  - Believers are Abraham's spiritual children - thus blessed
  - Law brings wrath not salvation
  - Walking after the Spirit
    - Flesh vs. Spirit
  - Godly Love fulfilled by grace, not law

## Sermon:

### (Galatians 1:1)

**Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)**

- **Paul, an apostle**
  - Romans 1:1 - "separated unto the gospel of God"
  - 1 Cor. 1:1 - "through the will of God" (1 Cor. 15:9 - not meet to be called an apostle)
  - 2 Cor. 1:1 - "of Jesus Christ by the will of God"
  - Eph. 1:1 - "by the will of God"
  - Php. 1:1 - "the servants of Jesus Christ"
  - Col. 1:1 - "of Jesus Christ by the will of God"
  - 1 & 2 Thes. - "Silvanus and Timotheus"
  - 1 Tim. 1:1 - "by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope"
  - 2 Tim. 1:1 - "by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,"

- Tit. 1:1 - "according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; in hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; but hath in due times manifested His word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;"
- Primary sense - "apostle"
  - John 13:16 - "sent"
  - 1 Cor. 9:1 - "seen Christ"
  - Acts 2
- Secondary sense - "apostle"
  - Acts 14:14
  - 2 Cor. 8:23 - "messengers"
    - Epaphraditus; Silvanus; Titus; Barnabas
- **"(not of men, neither by man,**
  - **"not of men"** - Paul's apostleship doesn't proceed from man
    - Romans 11:13
    - Men didn't cause, source, or means is the means of his apostleship
      - 2 Cor. 11 - false apostles
    - The property of - Paul's apostleship isn't the property of men
      - "school of Gamaliel"
  - **"neither by man"** -
    - Wasn't designed for it by man
    - Man wasn't the agent of his apostleship
  - This is true of each of the 12 apostles, but what makes Paul unique?
    - The fact that God already had 12 - for a specific reason
      - Deut. 32 - 12 tribes
    - 1 Cor. 9:16-17
- **"but by Jesus Christ,"**
  - Acts 9:3ff
  - 2 Cor. 12:11 - not behind the very chiefest apostles
  - 1 Tim. 2:7 - ordained an apostle
- **"and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead;)"**
  - 1 Corinthians 15 - all things to God - all in all

- **"who raised Him from the dead"**
  - Romans 1
  - 1 Cor. 15:15
  - Acts 2:32, 3:26, 5:30, 10:40, 13:33
- The same Father that raised Christ from the dead raised up Paul to be an apostle
  - Thus not of men, nor by man

**(Galatians 1:2)**

**And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:**

- Witnesses of the brethren

**(Galatians 1:3)**

**Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,**

- Common introduction
- On the grounds of the epistle further grace and peace to them

**(Galatians 1:4)**

**Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:**

- **"who gave Himself for our sins"**
  - The debt and penalty of our sins (justification)
  - The power of sin (sanctification)
  - The presence of sin (glorification)
- **"that He might deliver us from this present evil world"**
  - John 15:19
  - John 16:33
  - Rom. 3:19
  - Rom. 12:2 (1 Jn. 2:15-17)
  - 1 Cor. 1:20, 10:11-14
  - Eph. 1:21, 6:12
  - Php. 2:15
  - Tit. 2:11-12
  - 2 Pet. 1:4, 20 (Eph. 4)
- **"according to the will of God and our Father:"**
  - Romans 8

**(Galatians 1:5)**

**To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

- 1 Cor. 15
- Rom. 11
- Eph. 1 & 2

**Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize**