## THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

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People think of the world, not as a battlefield, but as a playground. We are not here to fight; we are here to frolic. We are not in a foreign land; we are at home. We are not getting ready to live, but we are already living, and the best we can do is rid ourselves of our inhibitions and our frustrations and live this life to the full. A.W. TOZER



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#### Galatians 1:1-2a

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an **apostle**—not from men or by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead—<sup>2</sup> and all the brothers who are with me:

### Apostle

- 1. someone sent on a mission
- 2. an office/title given to a select group of men who had witnessed the resurrected Christ and were given authority to establish the church on earth.

The people here were more openminded than those in Thessalonica, since they welcomed the message with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Acts 17:11

#### Galatians 1:2b-5

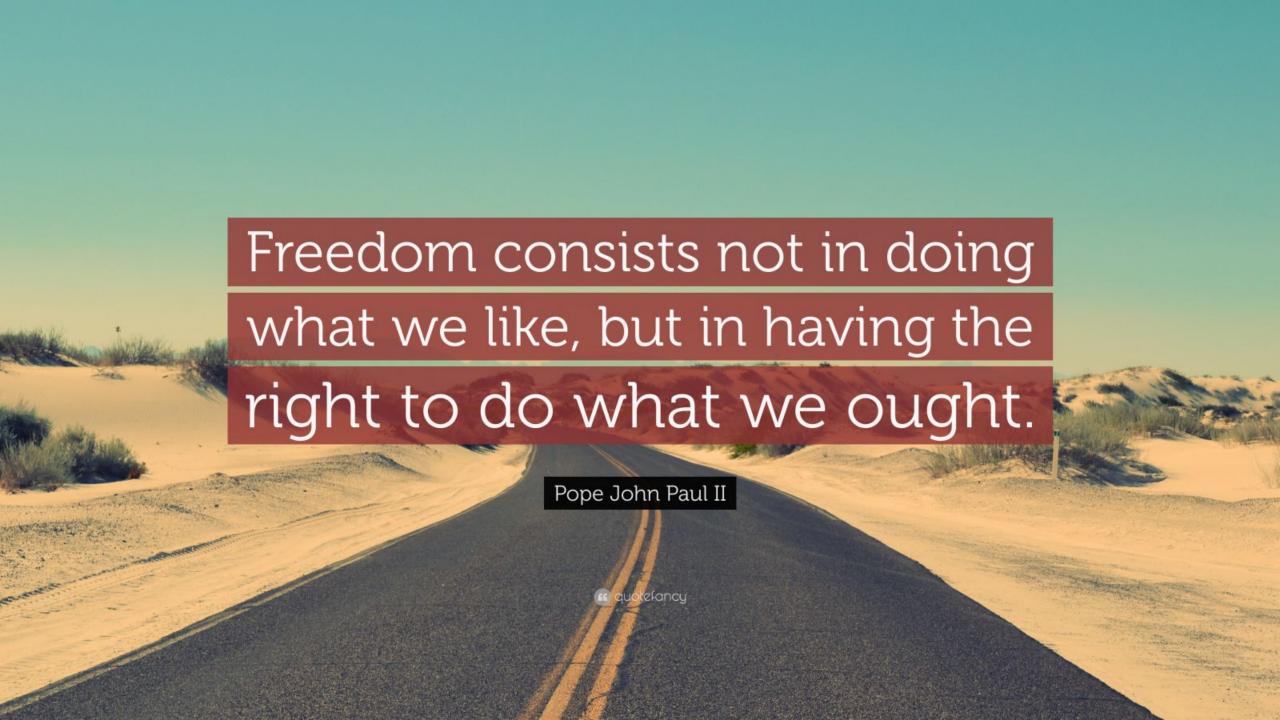
To the churches of Galatia.

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> who gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. <sup>5</sup> To whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

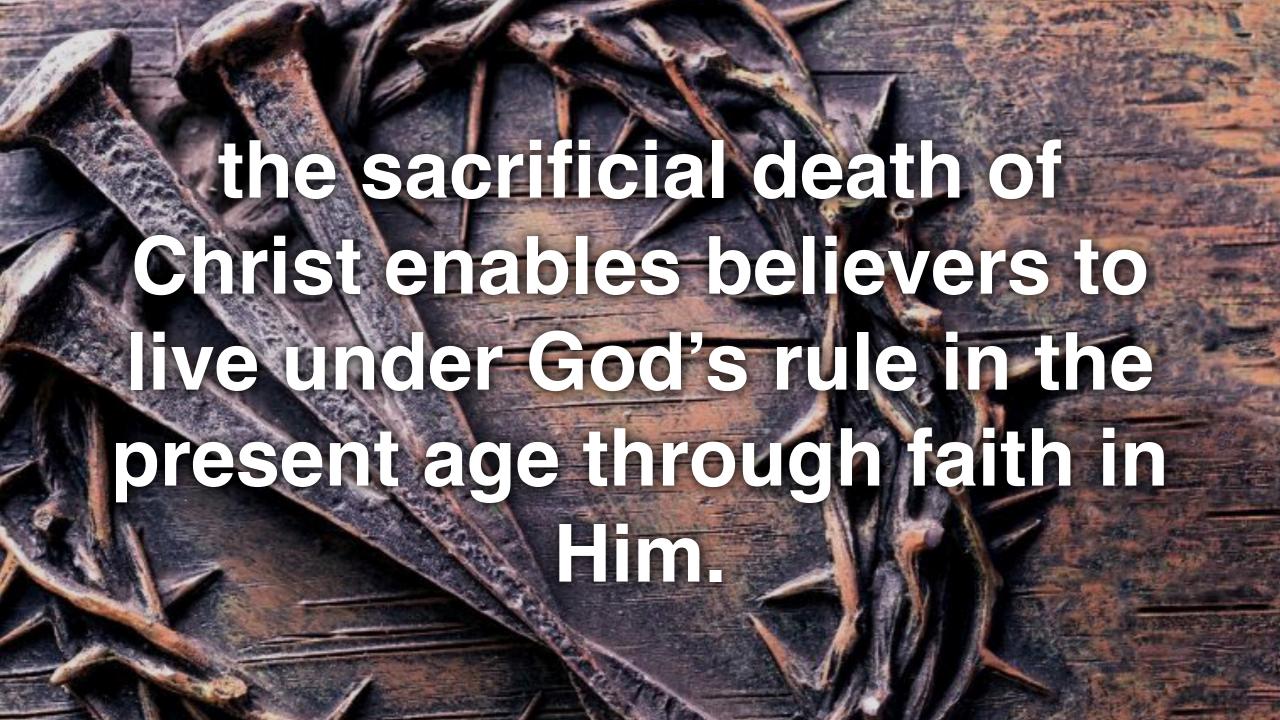












#### Galatians 1:6

I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from Him who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

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turning away...
'to transfer one's allegiance'

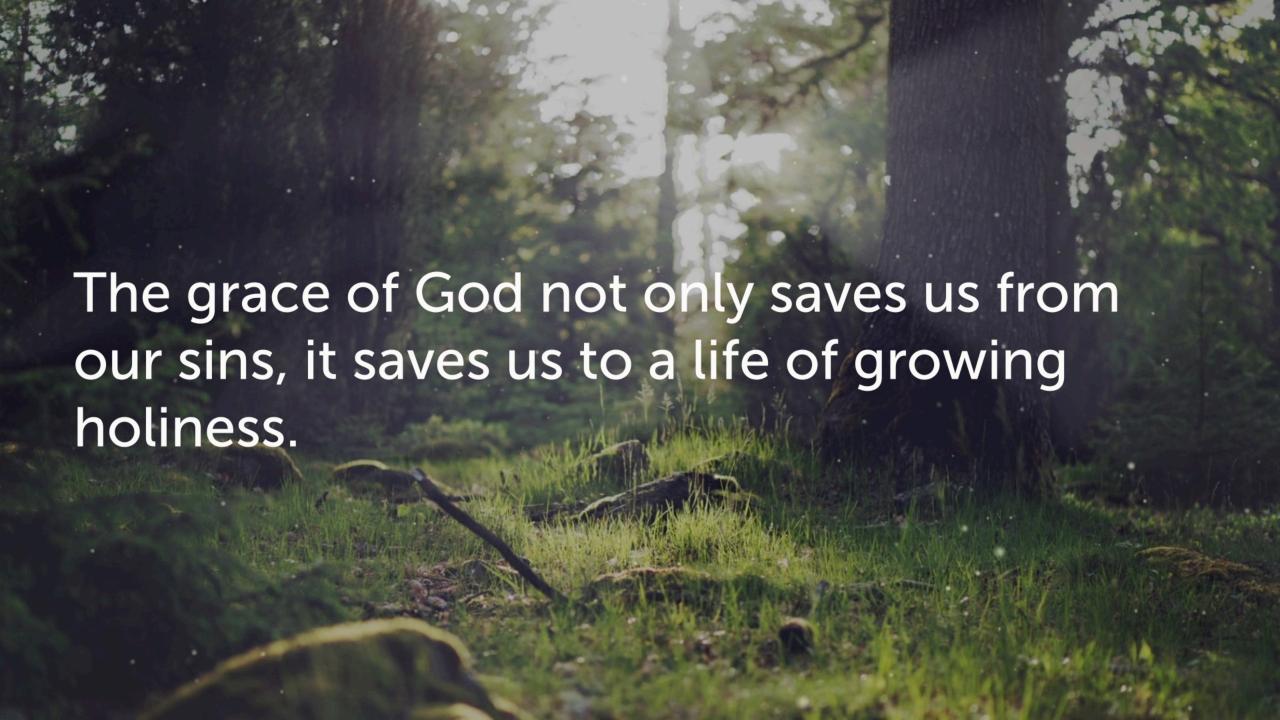




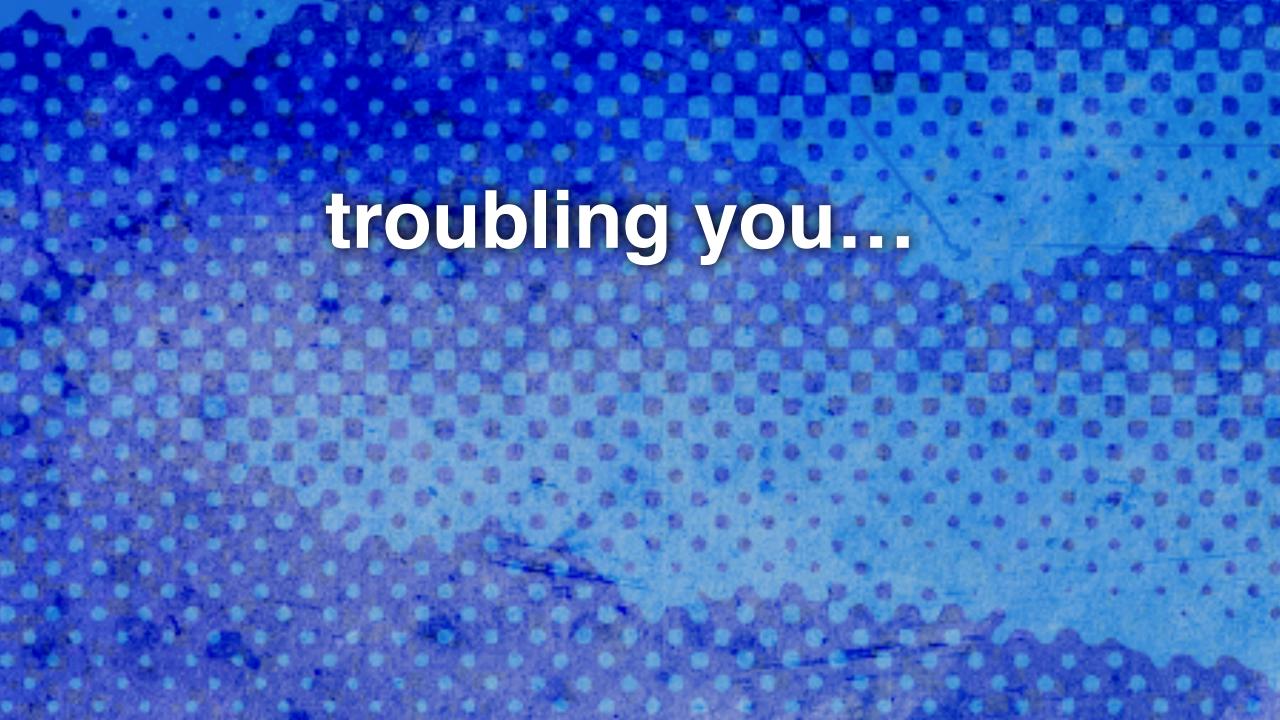
#### **Galatians 1:7**

<sup>7</sup>not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are troubling you and want to change the good news about the Messiah.

### JESUS + \_\_\_ = No Gospel!



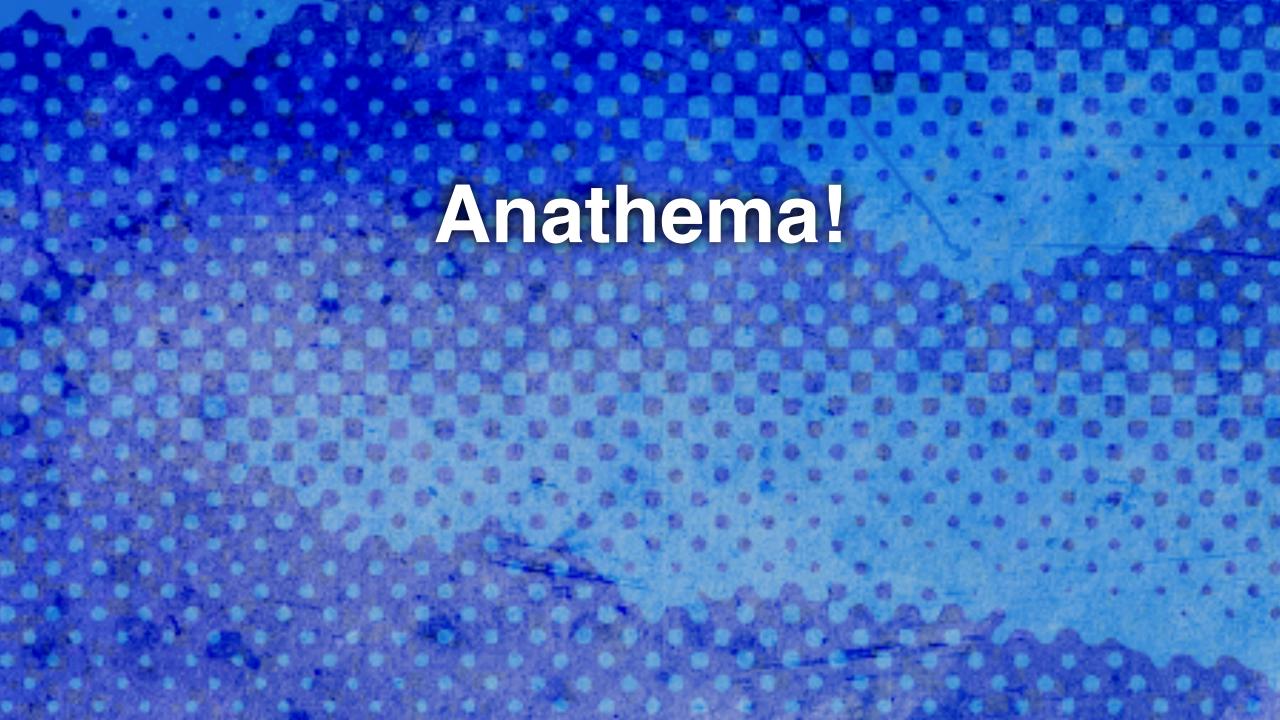
## Life change is the fruit of having Gospel roots!



#### Galatians 1:8-9

<sup>8</sup>But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel other than what we have preached to you, a curse be on him! 9As we have said before, I now say again: If anyone preaches to you a gospel contrary to what you received, a curse be on him!

# The Gospel transcends the messenger!





#### Galatians 1:10

<sup>10</sup>For am I now trying to win the favor of people, or God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ.

No one can be a slave of two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other...

MATTHEW 6:24

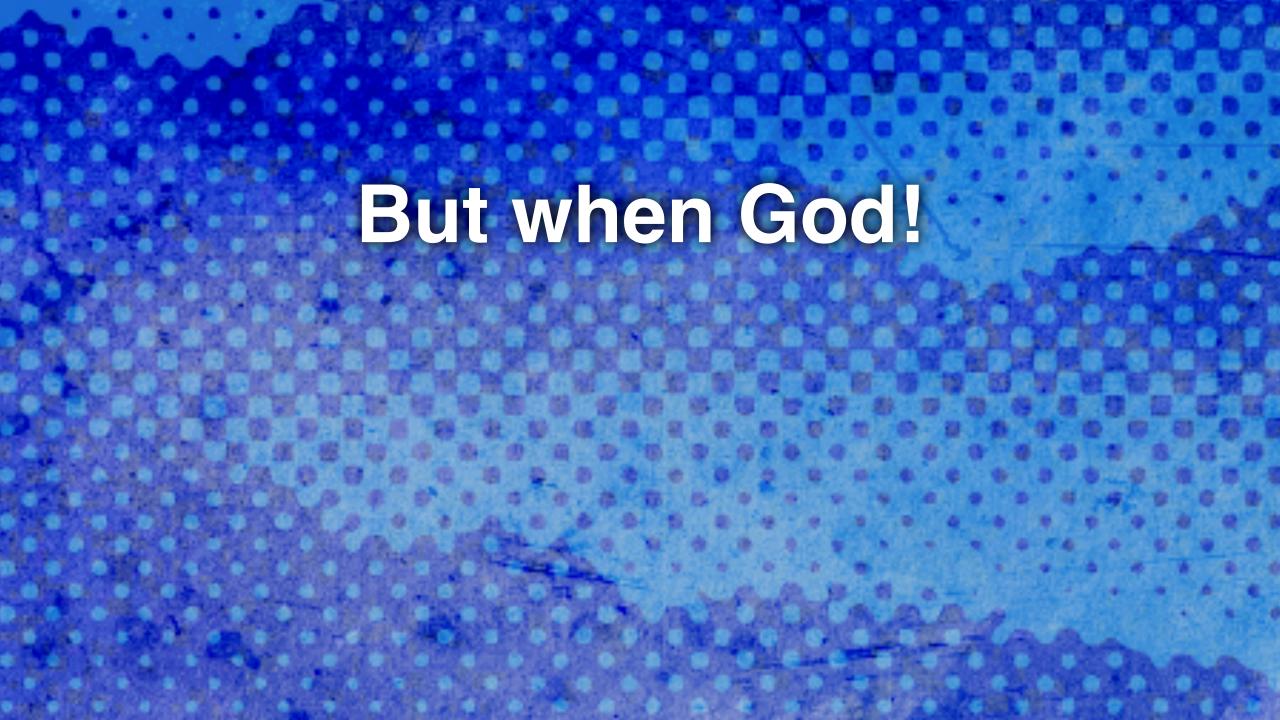
#### **Galatians 1:11-12**

<sup>11</sup>Now I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel preached by me is **not based on human thought**. <sup>12</sup>For I did not receive it from a human source and I was not taught it, but it came by a revelation from Jesus Christ.

#### Galatians 1:13-15a

<sup>13</sup>For you have heard about my former way of life in Judaism: I persecuted God's church to an extreme degree and tried to destroy it. 14I advanced in Judaism beyond many contemporaries among my people, because I was extremely zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. 15But when God, who from my birth set me apart and called me by His grace,...





Everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18

# To add anything else upon Grace through Faith is to change the gospel...



#### **Galatians 1:21-24**

<sup>21</sup>Afterward, I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup> I remained personally unknown to the Judean churches in Christ; <sup>23</sup> they simply kept hearing: "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith he once tried to destroy." <sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me.

# The result of surrendering to the Gospel of Grace is Glory to God!



#### Questions to help you live it out:

- Are you consistently seeking to understand and love the LORD through His Word?
- Have you made time in the Bible a priority in our life?
- What do you think of the idea of "freedom" described in "Freedom consists
  not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."?
- How do you use the freedom that you have been granted by Christ?
- Do you think Paul is overreacting to the different teaching about the gospel? Why or why not?
- Paul ruthlessly protected the Gospel of Grace from the Judaizers. From who/what does the Gospel need protection today?
- How can the Gospel of Grace help change your behavior(s)?
- In what circumstances do you feel a tension between pleasing "men" and pleasing "God"?
- Have you experienced a "But when God..." moment in your life? Describe it.
- 10. How can your life give greater glory to God?