

Galatians Ch. 1

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Galatians 1:1-5

- Judaizers attempted to discredit Paul, he proclaims he is a Christ-appointed Apostle, not man-appointed.
- Acts 9:15-16.
- Responsible to God, not man's opinion (or culture).
- Paul was separate from the original 12 (11 + 1).
- Jesus was raised; counter to Judaizers message.
- Paul reminds them of His completed work. The Galatians were not fully satisfied with that.

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Galatians 1:1-5

- The present age was (and still is) evil.
  - God cannot look away; He will exact punishment.
  - Either you'll be punished, or Christ was punished for you.
  - Judaizers' message of works & circumcision will not save.
- The evil age today – its message:
  - Tolerance (accepting everything). (A point of irreducibility.)
  - Truth is relative.
  - Anti-authority.
  - Social justice as the highest virtue.

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Galatians 1:6-10

- Paul’s letter does not praise them, he reprimands them for abandoning the Truth for a lie.
- Truth & Lies do not mix. 2 Cor. 6:14-15;
- *1 Gospel*; Refuse to take in false teaching!
  - 2 Cor. 11:14, Deut. 13:1-5, (Paul’s words match Jesus who matched the Prophets who matched Moses’s message)
- Paul is a Christ pleaser, not a man pleaser.
- Paul is a bondservant to Christ, not to cultural people.

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Galatians 1:11-24

- Paul formerly tried to destroy the Church and was climbing the ranks as a zealot.
- Paul was chosen by God, when Christ revealed Himself, Paul did not consult man but God.
- Paul received the Gospel from Christ, not man.
- After 3 years of time with the Lord, Paul visited Peter.
- Then churches heard of Paul’s conversion/preaching.
- They rejoiced and gave God the glory.

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God Working Thru Paul For His Glory

- A sinner encounters the Lord and is changed.
- He enters a time of solitude with God; preparation.
- He does not consult the Apostles but God.
- He meets with Peter and goes out preaching truth.
- Churches hear about this and rejoice in God’s grace.
- They did not harbor his former life but His change.
- Paul visits Galatia; salvations and church plants.
- Paul writes to these believers for clarification.

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