

Paul's Letter to the Galatians

The Mission – Wed. Night Bible Study

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Introduction

- Author: Apostle Paul
- Date of Authorship: 48/49 A.D. (Anno Domini)
- Audience: Gentile and Jewish Believers in Galatian Churches
- Location: Galatia (current day Turkey)
- People Group: The Gauls (Celtic Peoples)
- Purpose: To correct false teaching and protect from Judaizers who were leading Gentiles to believe they had to adopt Jewish customs.

Galatians 1:1-5

1 Paul, an **apostle**—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, **who raised him from the dead**—**2** and all the brothers and sisters with me, to the **churches** in **Galatia**:

3 Grace and peace to you **from** God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **5** to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

- Paul: “small” or “humble”
- Apostle: “one who is sent out”
- V1: sent not from men nor from a man: Not a group or person. Not a mere mortal.
- The Gospel of God
- V1: “but by Jesus Christ and God the Father”
- V1: “-who raised Him from the dead” – The Son showed complete trust in the Father.
- Teaching Point: Trusting completely in Father God.
- Story: Kael learns to Trust his Master

Galatians 1:6-10

⁶ I am **astonished** that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under **God's curse!** ⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

¹⁰ Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:11-16

¹¹ I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹² I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. ¹³ For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.

Galatians 1:17-24

¹⁷ I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas^[b] and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord’s brother. ²⁰ I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. ²¹ Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. ²² I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only heard the report: “The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” ²⁴ And they praised God because of me.