Christians on Campus Fall 2020 Bible Study The Heart of the Bible Galatians (1)

Galatians 1

¹Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), ²and all the brothers who are with me, to the churches of Galatia: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

⁶I marvel that you are so quickly removing from Him who has called you in the grace of Christ to a different gospel, ⁷which is not another gospel, only there are some who trouble you and desire to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But if even we or an angel out of heaven should announce to you a gospel beyond that which we have announced to you, let him be accursed. 9As we have said before, now also I say again, If anyone announces to you a gospel beyond that which you have received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰For am I now trying to win the assent of men or of God? Or am I seeking to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a slave of Christ. ¹¹For I make known to you, brothers, concerning the gospel announced by me, that it is not according to man. ¹²For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation by Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my manner of life formerly in Judaism, that I persecuted the church of God excessively and ravaged it. ¹⁴And I advanced in Judaism beyond many contemporaries in my race, being more abundantly a zealot for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, ¹⁶to reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷neither did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away to Arabia and again returned to Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and I remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the brother of the Lord. ²⁰Now concerning the things which I am writing to you, behold, before God, I am not lying. ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²²Yet I was still unknown by face to the churches of Judea, which are in Christ. ²³But they only heard this: He who was formerly persecuting us is now announcing as the gospel the faith which formerly he ravaged. ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

Questions:

- 1. Share with your group a phrase or a verse in this chapter that impressed you.
- 2. What is Paul's gospel, and what was its source?
- 3. What is Paul's background? What did he formerly do and why did he do it? How did it change after he met the Lord and was saved?
- 4. Verse 16 says, "to reveal His Son in me..." What does it mean for God to reveal His Son in you? How can we have the Son revealed in us?