

The Fight for Freedom

An Introduction to Galatians Galatians 1:1-5 Chris Mueller 8-21-2022

Introduction:

1. Trying to earn God's favor
2. A dependence in faith itself
3. Introductory to the Christian life
4. Clear about what the true Gospel is

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chapters 1+2 EXPLANATION - personal2. Chapters 3+4 EXPOSITION - doctrinal3. Chapters 5+6 EXHORTATION - practical |
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<p>Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia. 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.</p>
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#1 I have the authority of an _____ of Jesus Christ **1a**

1a Paul, an apostle

<p>John Stott It was not a general word which could be applied to every Christian like the words 'believer,' 'saint' or 'brother.' It was a special term reserved for the Twelve and for one or two others whom the risen Christ had personally appointed.</p>

1st Apostles had to be eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ

1 Corinthians 9:1 "Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord?"

2nd Apostles confirmed their God-given office through miracles, casting out demons, and healings

2 Corinthians 12:12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles

3rd Apostles had to be hand-selected by the risen Lord

Acts 1:21-26

#2 I was selected by the _____ for this work **1b**

1b (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),

#3 I am not alone, but I labor with a _____ of chosen servants **2a**

2a and all the brethren who are with me,

#4 I was used of God to _____ your churches 2b

2b To the churches of Galatia:

#5 I am fighting for the truth of the _____ of grace 3-5

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

Galatians 2:4 it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our **liberty** which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into **bondage**.

GRACE:

PEACE:

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

WHO WE ARE:

WHAT JESUS DID:

1 **Peter 2:24** He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness;

WHY GOD DID IT:

Luke 22:42 "Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thine be done"

GLORY FOREVERMORE:

Take Home:

A Are you a _____ Pharisee?

B Do you have the _____ Christ?

The Jehovah's Witnesses
The Mormons
The Seventh-day Adventists
The Catholics
The Liberals
The Judaizers

Our Lord Jesus Christ

Questions for Growth in Christ

1. Why was Paul so intensely concerned about what the Galatians were doing?
2. How can believers begin to compromise the gospel in subtle ways?
3. Can you clearly describe the gospel? And how would you share the true gospel message with others?
4. Why can't Jewish law or ceremonies be viewed as necessary for gospel reception?
5. How do Christians forget the gospel of grace in the way they live their everyday lifestyle?
6. Are you a recovering Pharisee? If so, what changes do you need to make in order to live by grace?
7. What steps will you take this week in order to live worthy of the gospel?

