

# GALATIANS

*For freedom. Christ set us free*

## Galatians:

- Paul's first and earliest letter.
- Gallic Celts, Gauls = Galatia
- "Magna Charta of Christian Liberty"
- "the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation."
- Martin Luther: "Galatians...is my Kathrine."
- Answers the question: "What must I do to be saved?"

## Conversation Review:

Galatians 1:1-10 Freedom#1 You have nothing to prove!

## Galatians: Freedom#2:

**God's power can change anyone!**

Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to understand that the gospel message I preach is not based on mere human reasoning. I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ. You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how **I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it.** I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the traditions of my ancestors. But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. **Then it pleased him to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles.** When this happened, I did not rush out to consult with any human being. Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to consult with those who were apostles before I was. Instead, I went away into Arabia, and later I returned to the city of Damascus. Then three years later I went to Jerusalem to get to know Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. The only other apostle I met at that time was James, the Lord's brother. I declare before God that what I am writing to you is not a lie. After that visit I went north into the provinces of Syria and Cilicia. **And still the churches in Christ that are in Judea didn't know me personally. All they knew was that people were saying, "The one who used to persecute us is now preaching the very faith he tried to destroy!" And they praised God because of me.**

## Inalienable Rights

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are **endowed by their Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."  
-The Declaration of Independence

"The Bible and its teachings helped form the basis for the Founding Fathers' abiding belief in the inalienable rights of the individual, rights which they found implicit in the Bible's teachings of the inherent worth and dignity of each individual." **-Ronald Reagan**

Q: Have you every felt like you or your situation is hopeless?  
Have you ever felt like someone in your life is hopeless?

**Galatians 1:13 Paul "...violently persecuted God's church and did his best to destroy it."**

Q: Who would have thought that Christianity's greatest enemy would become the gospel's greatest defender?

**Galatians 1:15-16 Then it pleased him to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles.**

**Jesus is the greatest change agent in our lives: He can change anyone.**

**How do we disempower ourselves and even God in our life?**

• **Victimization** "...God could never use me or change me."

Galatians 1:15 But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace

• **Stubborn pride:** "...I can change myself—if I really need changing."

Galatians 1:14 I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the traditions of my ancestors.

**Don't limit God in your life and in the lives of others.**

Colossians 1:27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

**There is always hope when Christ is in you!**

**Continue the Conversation!** Here are some questions to get you

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