

# Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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# Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Romans 8:1-3

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.*



# Galatians

F R E E D O M I N C H R I S T





Paul preaches the Gospel for 2 yrs under house arrest as he awaits for his appeal to Caesar

Lydia & her household believe Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail Jailer and his household believe

Paul restores life to young Eutychus

Paul & Barnabas mistaken for gods Paul stoned

Timothy joins Paul & Silas

Paul speaks at the Areopagus

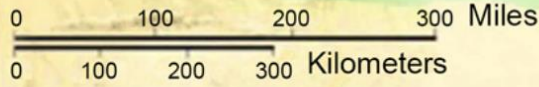
Proconsul Sergius Paulus converted

Paul sent to Rome to appeal to Caesar

Jerusalem Conference c. 49-50 AD

# MAP OF PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

- ← Paul's first journey
- ← Paul's second journey
- ← Paul's third journey
- ← Paul's voyage to Rome
- City
- One of the "Seven Churches"





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## Galatians 1:1-5 (NIV)

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.

## Galatians 1:6-8 (NIV)

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!

## Galatians 1:9-10 (NIV)

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.

## Paul's Calling (vs. 1-2)

*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,*

- Paul wasn't self-appointed or people appointed. He was appointed by Jesus.

## Grace & Peace (vs. 2b-3)

*2b To the churches in Galatia: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,*

- Grace is the root of the Gospel. Peace is the fruit.

## The Good News (vs. 3b-4)

*3b 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.*

- Jesus + Nothing = Favor with God
  - Salvation depends on God and His mercy, grace, forgiveness, love, and acceptance. It's all Him.

## God's Glory (vs. 5)

*5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

- When we “add to” what Jesus has done with what we do or others have done, we rob God of the glory that is due to Him alone. “Adding to” also robs us of the depth of gratitude and love that we experience from knowing that *“the Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age (Galatians 1:4).”*

## Astonished (vs. 6-7a)

*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.*

- It's like being given a full ride scholarship to college but insisting on working 40 hours a week so that you could still pay the full amount. Why would you do that?

## False Teachers of a False Gospel (vs. 7b-9)

*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!*

## Paul's Motive (vs. 10)

*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.*

- Paul's fear (love, respect) of God > fear of man

# Closing Thoughts

*“The Good News is our rescue boat from the sinking Titanic of sin that will sink us straight to the depths of hell. By God’s grace, we are carried from the sinking ship and placed into the security of our rescue boat that is Christ Jesus. In Him, we find peace because we are secure. And when we are in Him, we need not grab hold of our oars and row ourselves to safety. No! Our best efforts will get us nowhere! Instead, God hoists the sail*

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*that catches the wind of His Holy Spirit and carries us safely to shore, while we find our rest in all that Christ has done for us, not in what we do for ourselves.”*

God's grace and peace are not in the rowing,  
but in the resting.

# The Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:14 (The Message)

*“The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ,  
the extravagant love of God,  
the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with all of you.”*