

Galatians 1:1-15 **Galatian Salutation**

Introduction: Paul's concern is that the Galation believers should not lose hold on the only true gospel.

Key Work: "gospel" 13 times (1:6,7,8,9,11,16,23,2:2,5,7,14)

Theme: A Man is not justified by the works of the law but only through faith, (**faith alone**) in Jesus Christ" - Galatians and Romans

***Resemblances** - Rom. 8:14-17 - Gal. 4:5-7

***Differences** - *Date:* disputed - after Paul's first missionary journey - (49-50 A.D.)
after Paul's third missionary journey - (54 or 55)

The Nature of the Opposition to the Apostle:

1. Paul mentions those who oppose him in every chapter (1:6,7; 2:4,5; 3:1; 4:17; 5:7-12; 6:12,13) - Note* v.7 cf. 5:10
2. They were people who had made a profession of faith - 2:4
3. Their message was different than Paul's - 1:6
4. So severe if the problem that Paul invokes a curse on them - v.8
5. These false teachers were hoping to sway the people unto their thinking- 4:17
6. These false teachers had a bewitching influence - 3:1
7. The false teachers at the outset infiltrated a few but would soon permeate the whole mass of them - 5:9
8. These false teachers who advocate circumcision as a means of salvation do not in fact keep the Law themselves - 6:12,13

I. Paul's Authority - v.1-3

A. His Apostleship - v. 1 - "apostle" - "sent by God" - 15 times

1. Ordained by Christ
2. Importance
 - **Credentials** - II Cor. 12:12
 - **Transformation**
Turn to Acts 9:3-5,15 cf. Gal. 2:8, I Tim. 1:13

B. His Association - v.2

1. Fellow Christians
2. Colleagues - Timothy, Silvanus, Sosthenes

C. His Recipients - "the churches"

1. Circulation of Letters
2. LARGE LETTERS - 6:11
3. No Complimentary Greeting
4. Grace and Peace Greeting

II. Paul's Message - v.4

A. The Nature of the Gospel

1. Sacrificed Himself - "gave" (GK. did-omee)
2. Initiative by the Father - Rom. 8:32
3. Initiative by the Son - Rom. 4:25

B. The Purpose of the Gospel

1. Substitutionary Atonement
2. Deliverance from an evil age - Rom. 12:2 - "deliver"
GK. Exaireo - "to rescue from danger"
3. Usage:
 - *Joseph* - Turn to Acts 7:9,10,34
 - *Peter* - Acts 12:11
 - *Paul* - Acts 23:27

C. Source of the Gospel - "the will of our God and Father"

1. Gethsemane - Lk. 22:42
2. Not Our Wills - John 1:12,13

III. Paul's Motive - v.5

Introduction with a Doxology:

1. To Glorify God - I Cor. 10:31
2. Thanksgiving - Calvin - Luther
3. Amen - I Cor. 14:16

