

## **Galatians 1 Outline**

### **1A** The greeting, vv.1-5:

#### **1B** The people of the greeting, vv.1-2:

- 1C** The writer, 1 Paul an apostle, not from men, nor through men, but through Jesus Christ, and Father-God Who raised Him from death,
- 2C** The co-greeters, 2a and all the brethren together with me,
- 3C** The recipients, 2b to the churches of Galatia;

#### **2B** The greeting, vv.3-5:

- 1C** The content of the greeting, 3a Grace to you and peace
- 2C** The source of the content, 3b from Father-God, and our Lord Jesus Christ,
  - 1D** The action from the Second Person of the source to bring about the content, 4a the One Who gave Himself concerning our sins,
  - 2D** The result of the action, 4b so that He might take us out from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father;
  - 3D** The glory to the second person, 5 to Whom [be] glory forever and ever, amen.

### **2A** The occasion of the letter, vv.6-9:

- 1B** Paul's amazement at their betrayal of God, 6 I marvel that you are changing so quickly from the one who called you by the grace of Christ, to another gospel.
- 2B** The nature of the false Gospel and its teachers, 7 Which is not another, except some who are troubling you and wanting to twist the Gospel of Christ.
- 3B** The great proposition, 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven preaches to you than what we preached to you, let him be accursed.
- 4B** The great curse, 9 As we have said before, and now again I say to you, if anyone preaches to you than what you received, let him be accursed.

### **3A** Paul's motive for writing the epistle, v.10:

- 1B** His query on the intended audience of his epistle, 10a For do I now persuade men or God?
- 2B** His query on his motivation for writing, 10b, Or do I seek to please men?
- 3B** His conclusion on his motivation, 10c, For if I still pleased men, I would not be a slave of Christ.

### **4A** The true history of Paul's conversion as authentication of the true Gospel, vv.11-24:

#### **1B** Paul's reception of the true Gospel, vv.11-12:

- 1C** The reason for Paul's declaration of the true Gospel, 11 But I make known to you, brothers, the Gospel, the one preached by me, because it is not according to man.
- 2C** The source of the true gospel, 12 For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught, but through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

#### **2B** Paul's former life as a persecutor and religious man, vv.13-14:

- 1C** Success as a Persecutor, 13 For you heard of my conduct then in Judaism, that I persecuted the church of God in excess, and I was destroying it.
- 2C** Success as a Religious man, 14 And I was progressing in Judaism beyond many contemporaries in my generation, being more excessively zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

#### **3B** Paul's life as a man called by Christ to the true Gospel, vv.15-24:

- 1C** Paul's early years of discipleship, vv.15-17,
  - 1D** The timing of God, 15a But when it pleased God,

- 2D The plan of God, 15b, (who separated me from my mother's womb and called [me] through His grace),
- 3D The action of God, 16a to reveal His Son in me,
- 4D The purpose of the action, 16b that I might preach Him among the Gentiles,
- 5D Paul's discipleship plan, 16c-17:
  - 1E Delay in consultation with other disciples, 16c-17a, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, 17a neither did I go up to Jerusalem to those apostles before me,
  - 2E Arabian and Syrian sojourn, 17b but I went into Arabia, then I returned again to Damascus.
- 2C Paul's later time of discipleship, vv.18-24:
  - 1D The inquiry with Peter, 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to inquire of Peter, and I remained with him fifteen days.
  - 2D The addition of James, 19 But I did not see another apostle, except James the brother of the Lord.
  - 3D Paul's solemn affirmation, 20 Now what I am writing to you, look, before the Lord, I am not lying.
  - 4D Sojourn in Syria and Kilikia, 21 Then I went into the region of Syria and Kilikia.
  - 5D His anonymity, 22 Now I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which are in Christ.
  - 6D Their only information about Paul, 23 And they were only hearing, "The one who persecuted us then now preaches the faith which he then was destroying."
  - 7D Their glorification of God, 24 And they glorified God in me.