

Introduction to Galatians

Salvation by Grace Alone, through Faith Alone, in Christ Alone

Galatians 1:1–5 (ESV)

¹ *Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—* ² *and all the brothers 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 to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,* ⁵ *to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

1. The Motive of Paul

- An Error about the Servant of God
- An Error about the Salvation of God
- An Error about the Sanctification of God

2. The Ministry of Paul v.1-2

- A Specific Call
¹ *Paul, an apostle—*
- A Sovereign Call
not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—
- A Supported Call
² *and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:*

3. The Message of Paul v.3-4

- The Context of His Message
-The Word of God (2 Tim 3:16)
- The Content of His Message
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4. The Motive of Paul v.5

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Questions for further application and small group discussion:

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul's tone is intense against the false teaching, false teachers, and those who listen to false teaching.

- Based on Paul's tone how should we respond to false teaching?
- How can a church work to protect the body from false teaching?
- What responsibilities do each of us have as individual members to guard ourselves and the church?

Paul had a unique and special call from God. All believers are called by God first unto salvation and gifted unto service for the benefit of the church.

- Some of you share the testimony of your call to salvation.
- Some share about how God has gifted you and where you could serve the church.

The job of the preacher in preaching is to tell the church what is right (doctrine), what is not right (reproof), how to get right (correction), and how to stay right (instruction in righteousness).

- Early in the greeting Paul hits hard with sound doctrine in verse 4 pointing to Christ substitutionary atonement for sin and our deliverance by His work. How important is a believer's understanding of this doctrine of imputation?
- How can we as a church keep our ministry and purpose focused on God's glory?