

IT'S FROM HIM AND FOR HIM

Galatians 1:1-5

I. CALLED BY JESUS vv. 1-2

A. Paul starts off by stating his call.

1. He is an apostle. (Sent “from” and sent “to”)
2. We see this emphasis from Paul that his calling was not from men.
3. Notice the unity of Jesus Christ and God the Father.

B. He also notes that he's not alone.

1. Again, the Apostle Paul often noted that he was accompanied by other brothers and sisters.
2. He wasn't a lone wolf, preaching himself, but there were other believers in fellowship with him that acknowledged His call.
3. Red flags should go up all over the place if we encounter a Christian who has disconnected himself from everyone else.

C. He withholds the word “saints” for the Galatian churches.

1. This was his regular practice to include “saints” when he sent letters to the other churches.
2. “Saint” from the Greek word “*hagios*” means “holy” or “morally pure”.
3. Because of the perverted Gospel they were following. He questions their righteousness.

II. BLESSINGS FROM JESUS v.3

A. He speaks the blessings of grace and peace.

1. This is a sign that he is personally filled with grace and peace.
2. “Grace” from the Greek word “*charis*” means “unmerited favor” or “gift”.
3. “Peace” from the Greek word “*eirene*” is “peace” coupled with “quietness, rest and prosperity”.

B. This is his ultimate goal in the letter.

1. Even though he is angry with them, he doesn't lose his fondness for them.
2. He even refers to them as his little children. **Galatians 4:19**

C. He adds the words "our Lord" to Jesus Christ.

1. "Lord" from the Greek word "*kurios*" meaning "supreme ruler".
2. Paul is emphasizing that it is all about Jesus and our relationship with Him. **Romans 10:9**
3. There is a focus on getting their eyes back onto Jesus and who He is.

III. DELIVERED BY JESUS v.4

A. We are living in an evil age.

1. Even non-Christians will acknowledge that there is evil in the world all around us.
2. That evil comes from Satan. **John 10:10**
3. It also comes from man's own selfish desires.

B. It is the work of Christ that brings deliverance.

1. Christ not only died for our sins, but He died that we might be delivered from the world of sin now. **John 17:15-16**
2. We once walked in darkness, but now we walk in light. **Ephesians 5:8**
3. Now, when tempted we are always provided a way of escape. **1 Corinthians 10:13**

C. Jesus did this by the will of God.

1. Paul emphasizes that it is God's divine purpose and plan for us to find deliverance.
2. Jesus told us that anything He did was because the Father directed Him to do so. **John 6:38**
3. And within that will was that we might find deliverance and freedom from the chains of this world.

IV. GLORY TO JESUS v.5

A. All of the glory goes to Jesus.

1. This leads us back to the fact that Jesus gets all the credit.
2. Paul wants to make sure they pay attention to the true Gospel and the true source of the message which is Jesus.
3. There is an ongoing tendency for Christians to slip into a works-oriented salvation.

B. It is to never be shared with others.

1. We always need to be careful about attempting to receive glory for ourselves. 1 Peter 4:11
2. It's good to honor those who have blessed us in our walk, just don't glorify them as a Savior.
3. Men are not built to receive the glory intended for God.

C. "Amen" means "so let it be" or "firmly established".

1. He wanted to make sure that this core message was rooted deeply within them.
2. The first part of this letter was a reminder and a return to the true message of the gospel.
3. It is from this point forward that Paul begins to hit them hard regarding the deception into which they had fallen.