



GALATIANS *free*

Galatians 1:1-9

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,

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.

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.



Good News



“Since Providence, which has ordered all things and is deeply interested in our life, has set in most perfect order by giving us Augustus (Caesar), whom she filled with virtue that he might benefit humankind, sending him as a *savior*, both for us and for our descendants, that he might end war and arrange all things...and since the birthday of the *god* Augustus (Caesar) was the beginning of the *good news* for the world...

- The Priene Inscription

A letter from the Proconsul
Paulus Fabius Maximus in 9 B.C.

Saved From (the bad news)

⁴ *who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age*

“Sin”

Me > _____

“Deserting Him”

To not love perfectly

“Evil Age”

“Brokenness. Emptiness.”

We are made to be complete and whole, but all of creation has been utterly corrupted.

*The more we realize the extent of our desperate need,
The more we realize the greatness of Jesus and his sacrifice.*

Saved By

^{1b} ...through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who *raised him from the dead—...*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...*

- **Proactive** – “will of our God”
- **Unmerited Love** – “grace”
- **Sacrifice** – “gave himself”
- **Solution** – “raised him”
- **Result** – “delivered”

Jesus Plus Nothing

Do we then do nothing? Do we do nothing at all for the obtaining of this righteousness? I answer, Nothing at all! For this is perfect righteousness, to do nothing, to hear nothing, to know nothing of the law, or of works, but to know and believe this only, that Christ is gone to the Father, and is not now seen; that He sits in heaven at the right hand of His Father, not as judge, but made unto us of God, wisdom, righteousness, holiness and redemption -- briefly, that He is our high priest entreating for us, and reigning over us, and in us, by grace.

- Martin Luther

Saved For

² and all the brothers who
are with me,

³ *Grace* to you and *peace*
from God our Father and
the *Lord* Jesus Christ...⁵ *to*
whom be the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

- **Community** – “all the brothers”
- **Glory to God** – “To whom be...”
- **Wholeness** – “peace”
- **Forever** – With God & each other
(starting now)

The Good News

Perfectly Simple

Enormously Complex

Infinitely Relevant



Fake News

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly *deserting him* who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to *distort* the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

Distorted

*“perverted, corrupted”.
A theology that is no longer
“good” but heavy and self-focused.*

Deserting Him

*The Gospel is all about the person
of Jesus...not a concept, theology
or way of life. A person. This is why
Paul is so passionate.*

Reactions

Anger/Joy

Some will be angry, thinking how “unfair” infinite grace is.

Others will rejoice because they are finally set free.

Sin/Sacrifice

Some may want to sin more because you’ll be forgiven.

Others will want to thankfully serve the one that saved them.

“But this makes LIGHT of sin, almost encouraging it.”

Actually, this simply makes MORE of Jesus and how much we need Him.

