



Galatians - Chapter 1:1-5

Salutation Part 2

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Acts 26:15-16

"And I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶ 'But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you;

Personal Preparation



The Lord prepares each of us as useful vessels.

- Providential
- Time is essential
- Failure shows us our need

BUT!

He is ***NOT*** appointing apostles today

1 Corinthians 9:1

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?



1 Corinthians 15:7-10

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There is ***no one*** in the Church today who has apostolic authority!

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1 Corinthians 15:17 "and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins."

Resurrection



In what way does our righteous standing before God depend on the resurrection of Christ?

- His resurrection is the proof that His sacrifice for our sins was acceptable to God the Father.

How is the Christian life dependent on the resurrection of Christ?

- Christ ***IS*** our Christian life! If Christ is not alive, then there is no Christian life.

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a) "brethren" The Galatians belong to the family of God.



Hebrews 12:6-7

FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.“⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

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Galatians 3:2-3

² This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit [FACT], are you now being perfected by the flesh?

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It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me!



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¹ Paul, an apostle (not <i>sent</i> from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), ² and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:	Paul's apostleship defended. (Primarily Ch 1-2)
³ <u>Grace</u> to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins...	Defense of the <u>grace principle</u> of provided righteousness. (On the basis of the cross) (2:16 - 4:31)
...so that He might <u>rescue</u> [liberate, free] us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom <i>be</i> the glory forevermore. Amen.	The fruitful walk of <u>liberty</u> . Which is the application of the <u>principle</u> of provided righteousness. (It was for freedom that Christ set us free; <u>therefore</u> keep standing... 5:1) (Ch 5-6)