



Galatians - Chapter 1:1-5

Salutation Part 1

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Review



(Introduction 1:1-10)

- Paul's defense of his apostleship. (Ch 1&2)
- Paul's defense of justification by faith alone. (Ch 2&3)
- Paul's call to liberty. (Ch 5&6)

(Conclusion 6:11-18)

This letter is specifically written to correct born again believers who have slipped into the error of thinking that the Christian life is lived by works of law.

A Principle



God's righteousness can ***only*** come by grace through faith.

provided righteousness vs ***produced*** righteousness

Our righteous "standing" is provided by grace through faith.

Our righteous "walk" is provided by grace through faith.

The Lord has provided for ***both***! (Our job is to believe Him about it!)

Galatians 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Providential Circumstances



Galatians 4:19-20

¹⁹ My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you— ²⁰ but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

God providentially orchestrated circumstances in order to capture this critical message in Scripture.

Genesis 50:20

"As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good...

The Salutation



[The name of the sender], to [the name of the receiver], greetings.

Anything additional bears significance.

The Salutation



Galatians 1:1-5 (NASB)

¹ Paul, an apostle (not *sent* 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: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom *be* the glory forevermore. Amen.

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Galatians 3:21-22

...For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. 22 But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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"For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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Galatians 1:16-17

...I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia...