

Galatians 1:1-5 - Outline

I The Sender - Paul, Apostle (A vessel prepared, and appointed) (v1-2a)

- 1) Paul - His personal background (providential preparation of the vessel)
 - a) Under Law (pre Damascus Road)
 - i) birth (1:15; 2:15)
 - ii) training (1:13-14)
 - iii) Failure - to gain a righteous standing (2:21; 3:10-11, 21-22)
 - b) Under Grace (post Damascus Road)
 - i) new birth (1:15b-16; 2:16)
 - ii) training (1:11-12, 16-17; 2:1)
 - iii) Failure - to live a righteous Christian life (Rom 7) (2:17)
 - c) The Result - Paul's Gal 2:19-20 knowledge
- 2) Apostle - His divine assignment (the appointment of the vessel)
 - a) Its supposed source denied - "Not from men..." (1:12a)
 - b) Its actual source affirmed - "but through Jesus Christ..." (1:12b; 2:7)
 - i) The resurrected Christ is essential to Paul's message.
- 3) And Paul's companions
 - a) "brethren" The Galatians belong to the family of God.

II The Recipients - the churches of Galatia (v2b)

- 1) Their plurality - "the Churches" more than one local assembly
- 2) Their earthly location - "of Galatia"
- 3) Their spiritual position - justified believers

III Paul's Greeting (v3-5)

- 1) "Grace...and peace" (Grace received results in Peace)
 - a) Its Beneficiaries - "you" the Galatian believers (faith response required)
 - b) Its Source - "From God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ"
 - c) Its Basis - The CROSS of Christ - "who gave Himself for our sins"
 - i) Its Purpose - "so that He might rescue us from this present evil age."
 - ii) Its Motive - God's will - "according to the will of our God and Father"
 - iii) Its Result - "to whom (God) be the glory into the ages of the ages"