

Galatians 1:1-7

1-5. Paul, an **APOSTLE (NOT from MEN nor through MAN, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father** who raised Him from the dead), and all the brethren who are with me, **to the CHURCHES of Galatia:** Grace to you and peace from God the Father and **our Lord Jesus Christ, who GAVE Himself FOR OUR SINS**, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

- **II Corinthians 1:1-2** " _____, an _____ of Jesus Christ by the _____ of _____, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the _____ who are in all Achaia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
- **I Timothy 1:1-2** " _____, an _____ of Jesus Christ, by the _____ of _____ our Savior and the Lord _____, our hope, to Timothy, my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord."

Definition: "An APOSTLE (NOT from MEN nor through MAN)" - The original twelve disciples of Jesus were also called "apostles" which means "sent ones." After Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus and then hanged himself, the disciples chose another one of the many disciples to make up the number of twelve again. However, God never told them to chose someone on their own, and as you read the New Testament, you see that it is actually the Apostle Paul who is supposed to take the place of the twelfth apostle. Some false teachers who were spreading lies among the churches in Galatia **were also challenging Paul's authority as an apostle.** Paul states here that he was not chosen by men, or that he chose to call himself an apostle, but that Jesus Christ Himself chose him.

- **Galatians 1:11-12** "But I make known to you brethren, that the _____ which was _____ by me is _____ according to _____. For I neither _____ it from _____, nor was I taught it, but it came through the _____ of _____ Christ."
- **Ephesians 3:7** "Of which I became a _____ according to the _____ of the grace of God _____ to _____ by the effective working of His power."
- **Colossians 1:25** "Of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was _____ to me for _____, to fulfill the word of God."

Definition: "To the CHURCHES of Galatia" - Galatia was a large area in what was then called Asia Minor, but is now the country of Turkey. Paul wrote this letter to correct an error that was being spread around to these churches in Galatia, and the letter would be passed from church to church until all had read it. The error that was being spread was the false teaching of telling the new Gentile Christians that they had to keep the Law of Moses. This error and false teaching is still being spread by certain groups and cults today, and is totally against what the Bible teaches.

- **I Corinthians 16:1** "Now concerning the collection for the _____, as I have given _____ to the _____ of _____, so you must do also."

Definition: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, who GAVE Himself FOR OUR SINS" - Perhaps Paul adds "**who GAVE Himself FOR OUR SINS**" to the greeting in his letter, because **he wanted to emphasize that Jesus PAID for OUR SINS**, and that

we don't have to keep any commandments or do good works in order **to TRY to EARN our salvation from God.**

- **John 1:29** "The next day John saw _____ coming toward him, and he said, "Behold! The _____ of _____ who _____ the _____ of the world!"
- **I John 3:5** "And you know that He was manifested to _____ our _____, and in Him there is no _____."
- **I Peter 2:24** "Who _____ bore (TOOK AWAY) our _____ in His own _____ on the tree (cross), that we, having died to sins, might _____ for _____ - by whose stripes (wounds) you were healed."

Definition: "WHO TAKES AWAY the SIN of the WORLD" - Under the New Covenant (New Testament), **our sins are completely TAKEN AWAY (remitted)** and WASHED AWAY in the BLOOD of JESUS. In the Old Testament (under the old Covenant), their sins were only COVERED TEMPORARILY until the Messiah, **God's Lamb, would come to die and PAY the PENALTY** for the sins of the world. Every year, they would have the Day of Atonement to remind them that God's Lamb was not yet come, and **continual sacrifices and sin offerings** during the year. (See Exodus 30:10, Leviticus 16:30). The literal meaning of the word "**atonement**" is **covering** ("kapporah" in Hebrew, as in "Yom Kippur"). Now, when we believe in Jesus, and accept His sacrifice on the cross, **our sins are NOT just COVERED**, they are **REMITTED and TAKEN AWAY COMPLETELY** (REMIT means to release from the guilt or penalty of).

- **Matthew 26:28** "For this is My _____ of the new _____, which is shed for many for the _____ of sins."
- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be _____ for _____, that we might be made the _____ of God in Him."
- **Hebrews 10:1** "For the _____, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can _____ with these same _____, which they offer year by year, make those who approach _____."

6-7. I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, **to a DIFFERENT GOSPEL, which is NOT another**, but **there are some who trouble you** and want to **PERVERT the gospel of Christ.**

- **I Timothy 1:3-7** "As I urged you when I went into Macedonia - remain in Ephesus that you may _____ some that they _____ no _____ doctrine, nor give heed (pay attention) to _____ and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly _____ which is in _____. Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere _____, from which some, having _____, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be _____ of the _____, understanding neither what they _____ nor the things which they _____."

Definition: "A DIFFERENT GOSPEL, which is NOT another" - There are many different religions out there in the world, but **not a single one of them is a "gospel" because GOSPEL means GOOD NEWS.** The only true gospel which is GOOD NEWS to sinful mankind is **the good news that Jesus died for us and paid the price for our sins.** What Paul means, though, is that there were people coming and

preaching **something that was close to the true gospel of Christ, but just changed and perverted enough** so that it was no longer the true gospel of God's grace. Peter talks about this also in II Peter 1:1-2 when he says, "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to **those who have obtained LIKE precious FAITH with us,**" and Jude when he says, we must "contend (fight) earnestly for **the FAITH which was ONCE for ALL delivered to the saints.**" They mean that **there is only one true faith or gospel,** and we must beware of any counterfeits or deviations from the same or "like" faith of the apostles and early church.

- **II Corinthians 11:3-4 & 13-15** "But I _____, lest somehow, as the serpent _____ Eve by his _____, so your _____ may be _____ from the _____ that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches _____ whom we have not preached, or if you receive _____ which you have not received, or a different _____ which you have not accepted, you may well put up with it." (Verses 13-15) "For such are _____ apostles, _____ workers, transforming themselves into the [appearance of] apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for _____ himself transforms himself into an angel of _____". Therefore, it is no surprise if his ministers also are transformed [*into the appearance of*] ministers of _____; whose end (reward) shall be according to their _____."
- **Jude 3** "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common _____, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend (fight) earnestly for the _____ which was _____ for _____ delivered to the saints."
- **II Peter 1:1-2** "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained _____ precious _____ with us by the righteousness of our _____ and _____ Jesus Christ: grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of _____ and of _____ our _____."

Definition: "There are SOME who TROUBLE YOU" - The **false teachers and preachers who were TROUBLING the churches in Galatia** were what have been called "Judaizers". They were Jews who were supposedly now Christians, but were trying to incorporate all of the Old Testament Jewish Law into Christianity. They were telling the new Christians that, in order to be saved, they had to keep all of the Old Testament commandments that God had given to the Jewish people.

- **Romans 9:30-32** "What shall we say then? That Gentiles (non-Jews), who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the _____ of _____; but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has _____ attained to the law of righteousness. Why? Because they did not seek it by _____, but as it were, by the _____ of the _____. For they _____ at that stumbling _____."
- **Acts 15:24** "Since we have heard that _____ who went _____ from us have _____ you with words, _____ your _____, saying, 'You must be circumcised and _____ the _____' - to whom we gave _____ such _____."

Definition: "STUMBLING STONE" - Putting your **trust in Jesus** to save you and **believing that what He did on the cross PAID FOR YOUR SINS** is so simple that many people "**stumble over it**" or cannot accept it. They want to be able to DO SOMETHING to EARN their own salvation, and they refuse to accept GOD'S WAY of salvation. Some people reject Jesus altogether, but many want to INCLUDE Jesus in **their own system** of works, good deeds and religious ideas. By doing this they

are **DISOBEDIENT to God's word**, because God's word says salvation is by **FAITH IN JESUS** plus **NOTHING ELSE!!**

- **I Peter 2:6-8** "Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, 'Behold, I lay in Zion a chief _____, elect, precious, and he who _____ on _____ will by _____ means be put to shame.' Therefore, to you who _____, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, 'The _____ which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone, ' and 'A _____ of _____ and a rock of offense.'"

Definition: "To PERVERT the gospel of Christ" - The Jesus of the Bible is God Himself who came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of the world. This Jesus is the Jesus of the Bible, and He has a gospel message (I Corinthians 15:1-4) and a **simple plan for salvation**. This message of salvation stands alone, separate from all other "forms" of so-called salvation. It is salvation as a free gift, by grace through faith, and not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). But there are other religions or cults, who claim to be Christian, but are not, nor do they serve the Lord Jesus of the Bible. **They have PERVERTED and CORRUPTED the simplicity of Christ's grace** and through deception have turned it into "another" gospel by adding some kind of works or good deeds, or the works of the Law, to God's simple plan of salvation by grace. They have created "another" gospel, "another" plan of salvation, and "another" Jesus, and that is a PERVERSION of the truth.

- **Romans 3:24 & 28** (Verse 24) "Being justified freely (as a gift) by His _____ through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Verse 28) "Therefore we conclude that a man is _____ by _____ apart from the deeds of the _____."

Definition: "JUSTIFIED" - Justification or the **ACT of being justified** means that God by His **GRACE declares us RIGHTEOUS** when we believe on Jesus Christ, even while we are still in our **SINFUL** state. It is **NOT a process of becoming righteous, it is a ONE-TIME ACT of GRACE** - we are **MADE RIGHTEOUS** the moment we accept Jesus as our Savior! (See II Cor. 5:21) It is **NOT** merely **FORGIVENESS**, although forgiveness is **INCLUDED** - God does indeed **FORGIVE** and **FORGET OUR SINS**. However, **JUSTIFICATION means God even FORGETS THAT WE WERE EVER SINNERS!** There is **NO MORE RECORD** of our sins.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by _____ you have been _____ through _____, and that not of yourselves, it is the _____ of _____; _____ of _____, lest anyone should boast."

Definition: "GRACE" - Unmerited or **UNEARNED** favor. **Being accepted and loved by God** when we have done **NOTHING** and **CAN DO NOTHING** to **EARN** or **DESERVE** it.

- **Titus 3:5-7** "_____ by _____ of righteousness which we have _____, but according to His _____ He _____ us; by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the _____, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior. That having been _____ by His _____ we should become heirs according to the hope of _____ life" **Romans 6:15** "What then? Shall we sin because we are _____ under _____ but under _____? Certainly not!"

Definition: "Not UNDER LAW but UNDER GRACE" - We are saved by **GRACE through our FAITH** (see Ephesians 2:8-9), and **NOT** by our works or by keeping the Old Testament Law, but that does **NOT** give us **LICENSE** to **SIN** or to live any old way

that we please. We **SHOULD** do good works and be **OBEDIENT** to what we know God wants us to do, but as Christians, we are NOT to put ourselves back under the Old Testament Law or **any other form of LEGALISM, RITUALS or keeping ORDINANCES**. No SYSTEM of LAWS or RULES can make a person HOLY. Being "UNDER GRACE" means we are to serve God out of the **motivation of LOVE and GRATITUDE**, and **by the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT!!**