

## “THE ONE TRUE GOSPEL - Part 1” (Galatians chapter 1)

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**INTRO:** We’re beginning a series on Galatians, whose main theme is: The One True Gospel – Justification By Faith.

**BACKGROUND:** Gentile converts were being tempted by false teachers to seek justification by the works of the law. Paul writes to warn them of this false gospel. Many today are pursuing justification by good works – a false doctrine.

### I. THE SALUTATION (1:1-5)

A. From (v. 1): Paul an apostle (sent one to establish gospel).

1. Man can recognize callings, but only God calls.
2. Paul practiced team ministry.

B. To (v. 2): churches (plural) of Galatia (region, not town).

C. Blessing (vv. 3-5): Grace and peace (in that order). Peace is by grace (Jn. 14:27; 16:33; Phil. 4:6-7).

1. Source: God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - a. God wants to be our Father in addition to our God.
  - b. **“Lord”** (Ruler) **“Jesus”** (Savior) **“Christ”** (Messiah).
2. Jesus died for our sins to deliver us from this present evil age, not remove us (Jn. 17:15; 1Jn. 5:4-5; Rom. 8:37).

### II. THE TRUE GOSPEL (1:6-10)

A. Paul marveled that they were turning away from the true gospel to a false gospel, which isn’t a gospel at all (vv. 6-7).

B. There’s a curse on those preaching a false gospel (vv. 8-9).

1. Be focused on gospel content, not personal charisma!

C. Paul focused on pleasing God, not people (v. 10). Do you?

### III. PAUL’S TESTIMONY PART 1 (1:11-24)

A. Paul’s gospel came from Christ, not man (vv. 11-12).

B. Paul had excelled in Judaism & persecuting (vv. 13-14).

C. Paul was called while in the womb to reach Gentiles (15).

1. Preachers should first have Christ revealed in them!

D. Initially Paul didn’t meet with the other apostles, but three years later met with Peter for 15 days (vv. 17-20).

E. Paul hadn’t met the churches of Judea, but they glorified God for his transformation (vv. 21-24).

F. Paul’s main point is that he wasn’t taught by the apostles.

**CONCLUSION: Let’s contend for the one true gospel!**