



# **Liberated to Live Free in Christ**

a study of Galatians

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Starting where you are

# Galatians 1:1-24

- Key Themes
- Authority of the Gospel (1:1-5, 10)
- Exclusivity of the Gospel (1:6-9)
- Called to the Gospel (1:11-24)

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# Key Themes

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- Paul's *persona*
  - Called by Christ
  - Servant of Christ
- Jesus' crucifixion
  - Sacrificial
  - Essential
  - Liberative
- God's transformative grace
  - Liberative grace
  - Revelatory grace
  - Sanctifying grace
  - Glorifying grace

# Authority of the Gospel (1:1-5, 10)

- Paul understands who he is through the lens of the Gospel.
- The Gospel produces a legacy to which believers may belong.
- The Gospel liberates believers to be in community on freedom's terms.
- God is glorified as the Gospel is lived out.
- The Gospel liberates individuals to pursue God's will for their lives.

What authority have you permitted the Gospel to have in your life?



# Exclusivity of the Gospel (1:6-9)

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- The Gospel of Jesus Christ points to God's grace.
- A "different Gospel" does not come from God.
- There is only one Gospel message.
- Perverting the Gospel:
  - Diminishes the sufficiency of Calvary (see 1:4)
  - Reinforces bondage to the evil age (see 1:4)
  - Is grounds for removal from the community of faith.

In what ways can the  
exclusivity of the Gospel  
be seen (or not seen) in  
the Church today?





# Called to the Gospel (1:11-24)

- Liberation is an inherently Divine characteristic.
- Transformation begins where you are with an eye toward where God has purposed you to be.
- Consecration demonstrates God's providence and purpose.
- Revelation comes from God to affirm God's plan.
- Confirmation begins with God and includes other people.
- Salvation affords an opportunity for a new story.

How has the Gospel  
freed you to live for  
God's glory?

