

No Other Gospel Galatians 1:1-10

¹Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—²and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

⁶I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.” (Galatians 1:1–10)

Note to leaders: In preparation to study the book of Galatians over these few months, encourage your members to read though the entire book before coming. Ask them to note questions they might have from reading, and come ready to share those questions.

As an introduction to the book, you could even read the entire book together (six chapters only!).

INTRODUCTION:

In your own words, what is the Gospel?

DISCUSS:

1. **Read Paul’s initial greeting in 1:1-4. As is common with many of the letters in the New Testament, Galatians begins with the author identifying himself. Here, Paul identifies himself by emphasising a contrast. What is this contrast, and why is this significant for Paul’s purpose in writing this letter?**

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2. Paul's blessing of "grace and peace" (1:3-4) is a common Pauline greeting. What is unique to Galatians in the rest of 1:3-4. What do these two verses teach about how this grace and peace is given? Why do you think it is important for Paul to write what he writes in verses 3-4?

3. In verses 6-7, Paul refers to the "Gospel". This is a key theme of this letter. What details about the Gospel can you find from these 10 verses, and why do you think this is so important to Paul?

4. In Exodus, shortly after God delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt, the Israelites quickly turned from the God who saved them and began to worship a human-made idol; here the Galatian Christians are quickly deserting the God who called them, turning instead to a human-made gospel. What does this pattern tell you about the tendency of the human heart? Why do you think the human heart is this way?

RESPOND & PRAY:

5. What steps can you take to actively know the Gospel more and more, and apply it to your life?