

Galatians 1:1-24

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



To the churches of Galatia:

- ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- ⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But 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. ⁹ As 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.

¹⁰ For 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.

¹¹ For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³ For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.



15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. 20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) 21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.



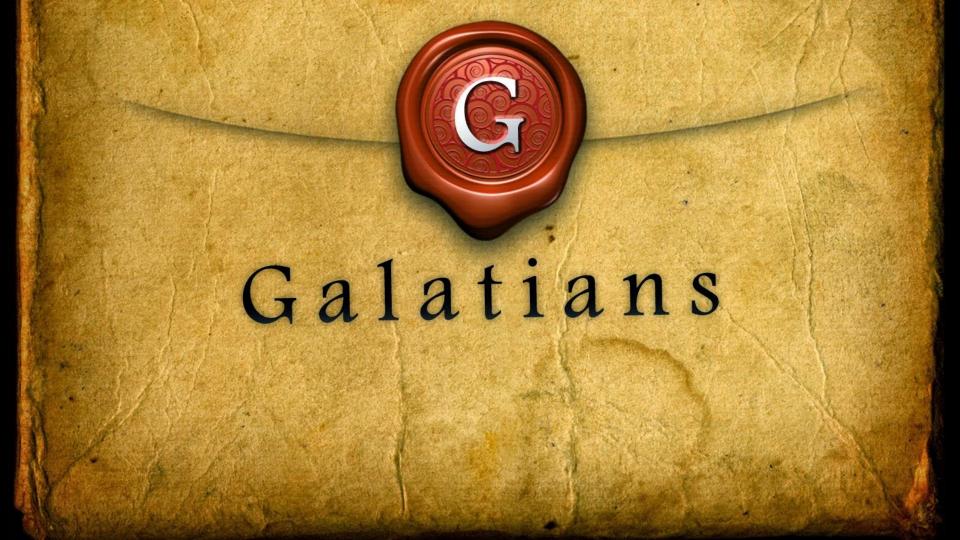
²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.





Calling All Sinners : Come!





Galatians 1:1c

To the churches of Galatia



Acts **15:1**b

"Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Acts **15:5b**

"It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."



Galatians 1:1

Paul, <u>an apostle</u>—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead



Galatians 1:6a

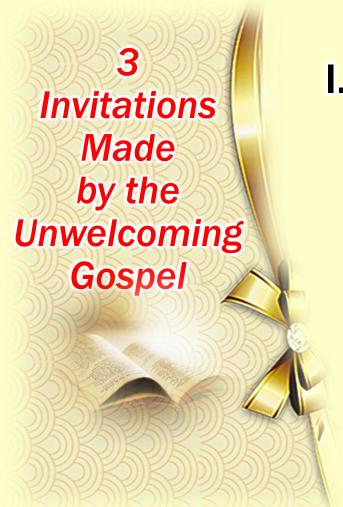
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Galatians 1:8-9

But 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... let him be accursed.





I. "Calling Only Model Citizens"



Galatians 1:3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ



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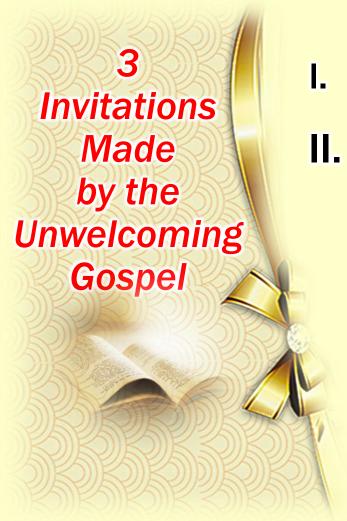
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The Unwelcoming Gospel **Enslaves**





I. "Calling Only Model Citizens"

II. "Calling Only Good Boys and Girls"



Galatians 1:6a

I am astonished that you are so quickly <u>deserting him</u> who called you in the grace of Christ



Romans 5:8

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



Ephesians 2:3c-5a

[We] were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ



Galatians 1:6a

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The Unwelcoming Gospel **Orphans**





- I. "Calling Only Model Citizens"
- II. "Calling Only Good Boys and Girls"
- III. "Calling Only the Strong and Determined"



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.



Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.



Galatians 1:6

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to <u>a different gospel</u>



Galatians 1:7a

not that there is another one...



The Unwelcoming Gospel leads us to Despair



"Try your best, and God will do the rest"



Exodus 14:14

"The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."



Questions to ask ourselves:

- 1. Am I a slave, an orphan or in despair?
- 2. Have I been believing in the Unwelcoming Gospel?









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Galatians 1:11-12



"Try your best, and God will do the rest"



"GOD

has done the rest, so now, try your best"



Questions to ask ourselves:

3. Would you believe in the One, True Gospel that welcomes you?



"CALLING

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