

# **A Study of the Epistles of Paul**

## **NT Survey Lesson 104--Galatians 1**

**Introduction:** The epistle of Paul to the Galatians is concerned with the perversion of the gospel message by those who insisted that Christians must keep the Law of Moses to be right with God. Paul begins by making his defense of the gospel he preached. In the first two chapters Paul presents arguments from his own personal experience. In chapter one he shows from his own life that his own apostleship and gospel did not come from men but from God.

**Lesson aim: To show that Paul's apostleship and gospel were not from men but from God, and what this means to the Christian.**

### **Introduction and greeting--Gal. 1:1-5**

1. How does Paul introduce himself in this letter? (v. 1)
2. What points does Paul make about his apostleship? (v. 1) Why?
3. To whom does Paul write this letter? (v. 2)
4. What does Paul say about Christ? (v. 4) Why did Christ do this? To whose glory? Why do you think Paul includes these points in his opening address?

### **Paul expresses concern that the Galatians are deserting God for a distorted gospel--Gal. 1:6-10**

1. How were the Galatians called to be Christians? (v. 6) Who called them?
2. Now what were the Galatians doing? (v. 6) For what were the Galatians deserting God?
3. Was this a different gospel? (v. 7) Another gospel? What kind of gospel?

4. What warning did Paul issue about those who teach a different gospel? (v. 8-9)
5. Who was Paul trying to please in saying these things? (v. 10) To seek to please men would cause Paul to do what?

### **Paul affirms the divine origin of his apostleship and gospel-- Gal. 1:11-24**

1. What three things did Paul affirm were not true about the gospel he preached? (v. 11-12)
2. How did Paul get the message he preached? (v. 12)
3. Did Paul have proof of this? What proof does Paul offer in the remainder of the chapter? (Summarize)
4. How did Paul live before he became a Christian? (v. 14)
5. What unusual change took place in Paul? (v. 23) How can we explain the change Paul experienced? (A change from within his own conscience? A change caused by being taught by some man? Another cause?)
6. What did Paul do immediately after his conversion? (v. 15-17) Why is it important that Paul mention this part of his life? (What does it prove?)
7. Where did Paul go after being a Christian for three years? (v. 18) With whom did Paul meet there? How long was the visit? Why does Paul tell us these things? (What does this prove?)
8. Did Paul see any other apostles? (v. 19) Why is this important to Paul's argument?
9. After leaving Jerusalem where did Paul go? (v. 21) What was Paul likely to have been doing there based on his past experience? Would Paul have gotten his message from anyone there?

10. Even now who had not had an opportunity to meet Paul? (v. 22) What had they heard about Paul? What were they doing because of this?
11. Summarize then, the point of the argumentation of Paul up to this point. (What is Paul trying to prove? Why? Are his arguments sound?)