



**"BEARING GOOD FRUIT"**

**Lesson #1 - Chapter 1:1-24 - Different Gospel & Where the Gospel Comes From**

**NLT**

Greetings from Paul-This letter is from Paul, an apostle. I was not appointed by any group of people or any human authority, but by Jesus Christ himself and by God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

<sup>2</sup> All the **brothers and sisters here join me** in sending this letter to the churches of Galatia.<sup>3</sup> May God the Father and our Lord Jesus **Christ give you grace and peace.** <sup>4</sup> Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. <sup>5</sup> **All glory to God** forever and ever! Amen.

There Is Only One Good News-I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News <sup>7</sup> but is not the Good News at all. **You are being fooled** by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ.

<sup>8</sup> **Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you.** <sup>9</sup> **I say again** what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed.

<sup>10</sup> Obviously, **I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God.** If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant. Paul's Message Comes from Christ-<sup>11</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, **I want you to understand** that the gospel message I preach is not based on mere human reasoning. <sup>12</sup> **I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ.**

<sup>13</sup> You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how I violently persecuted God’s church. I did my best to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the traditions of my ancestors.

<sup>15</sup> **But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him** <sup>16</sup> **to reveal his Son to me** so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles.

When this happened, **I did not rush out to consult with any human being.** <sup>17</sup> Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to consult with those who were apostles before I was. Instead, I went away into Arabia, and later I returned to the city of Damascus.

<sup>18</sup> Then three years later I went to Jerusalem to get to know Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> The only other apostle I met at that time was James, the Lord’s brother. <sup>20</sup> I declare before God that what I am writing to you is not a lie.

<sup>21</sup> After that visit I went north into the provinces of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup> And still the churches in Christ that are in Judea didn’t know me personally. <sup>23</sup> All they knew was that people were saying, **“The one who used to persecute us is now preaching the very faith he tried to destroy!”** <sup>24</sup> And they praised God because of me.

### **OUTLINE Lesson #1 - Verses 1-24**

- Letter from Paul – Apostle
  - Not appointed by man
  - Appointed by God
  - God raised Jesus from death
- Greetings to all the Brothers & Sisters in Galatia
  - God give you grace and peace
  - Jesus died for our sins
  - Father planned to rescue us from evil
  - All glory to God

- Good News is the ONLY truth
  - People turn quickly to twisted truths
  - We are called to Jesus through mercy
  - People are following a “different way”
  - Good news is perverted
  - People are being fooled
    - By those who deliberately twist truth about Christ
- Paul is NOT trying to gain man’s approval
  - Paul gets Gods approval only
  - Pleasing man would not show Paul as a servant of God
- Paul’s message came straight from God
- Paul addresses the Brothers & Sisters in the Lord
  - He wants them to understand the gospel
  - The message is not based on human reasoning
  - He received his message from God NOT man
  - No man taught Paul
  - Revelations from God only
- What was Paul like prior his conversion?
  - Violently persecuted Gods church
  - He was set out to destroy all Christians
  - He was ahead of fellow Jews in zeal and traditions
- Before Paul was born, God chose and called him
  - Grace is given to Paul
  - Revelation of Jesus given to Paul
  - Paul is called to proclaim Good news to the Gentiles

- Paul did NOT consult humans
  - Paul did NOT consult the Apostles
  - Paul goes from Arabia to Damascus
- Three years pass
  - Paul goes to Jerusalem
  - Paul visits Peter for 15 days
  - Churches (converts) in Judea didn't know Paul personally
  - Rumors about Paul's conversion
  - Paul was (previous is conversion) sent to persecute the Christians
    - Now he is sharing the very faith he use to destroy

### Lesson #1 Review Questions: Verses 1:24

1. Who is the author of Galatians?
2. Who was the one appointing Paul to share the Good News?
3. Who is Paul inviting to join him in this letter?
4. What does Paul always pray and ask God to do in all the books he begins writing?
5. What did the Father plan for us?
6. All \_\_\_\_\_ to God forever and ever
7. There is only \_\_\_\_\_ Good News.
8. What were the people starting to do in verse 6?
9. What were they starting to follow?
10. In verse "7", what does it say?
11. In verse "8" it says: "Let Gods \_\_\_\_\_ fall on anyone.... Or even an angel from heaven, who \_\_\_\_\_ a different kind of Good News.

## Lesson #2 Chapter 2:1-10

OUTLINE OF LESSON #2 - Verses 2:1-10

## “Paul’s Visit to Jerusalem &amp; False Brethren”

- Fourteen years pass from Paul’s last journey
  - Paul goes to Jerusalem
  - He takes Barnabas and Titus with him
  - He meets privately with church leaders
  - He shares his calling to preach to the Gentiles
- Paul wants to be sure everyone is in agreement on his teaching
  - He doesn’t want his efforts to be wasted
  - They supported Paul
    - Titus was not commanded to be circumcised
    - Titus was a Gentile
- Questions Arise
  - Some so-called believers are false
  - They are secretly brought in to spy on them
  - They wanted to enslave them (legalism)
  - They wanted to force their Jewish regulations on them
    - They refused!
- Leaders of the Church had nothing to add
  - They agreed with Paul’s preaching
    - God has no favorites
- They see God’s call on Paul to preach to the Gentiles
  - Peter called to preach to Jews
  - God works through both of their callings/ministries

- James, Peter, John are pillars of faith
- Paul recognized for His God given gift
  - Barnabas-Son of Encouragement-was accepted
  - Paul was encouraged to continue preaching to the Gentiles
  - They were to keep helping the poor eagerly

**Lesson #2 Review Questions: Verses 2:1-10**

**“Paul’s Visit to Jerusalem & Deals with False Brethren”**

1. Who did Paul take with him to Jerusalem?
2. Who did Paul preach to?
3. Who supported Paul?
4. Titus was not commanded to be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who snuck into the church?
6. What were they trying to take away from the true believers?
7. What did they want to force on them?
8. God has no \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Peter was called (responsible) to preach to who?
10. God worked differently through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Gentiles and Jews preaching.
11. Who were the pillars of the church?
12. Barnabas was called \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Paul was encouraged to keep preaching to the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Notes from audio/book - Verses 2:1-10

### “Paul visits Jerusalem & Deals with False Brethren”

David is using example of a person who gets up to say, “Jesus I love, but Paul is a troublemaker”. That was the message going forth to the churches in Galatia.

Galatia was a region, not a city. False teachers come in and say they believe the apostles but not Paul. Paul and the Apostles were preaching the same thing. Paul was walking a tight rope here.

Paul wants to make it clear how he received his gospel from Jesus NOT man, not even from the Apostles teaching him. Usually people hear the gospel from some other person, but Paul heard directly from Jesus, this is what he was dealing with.

Paul had 2 visits to Jerusalem in 14 years. It’s not like Paul is getting taught much by the disciples because he wasn’t there much. All the messages were from Jesus.

Paul grew up as a Pharisee (Saul). Paul was a good Jewish man, and a good Jewish man would go to Jerusalem 3 times a year for the yearly feasts. He did not obey the Jewish rituals.

His traveling companions were Barnabas and Titus. Acts 11:27-30 tells of this trip. Barnabas was a Jew -The Son of Encouragement and Titus was a Gentile. These two men were valued associates of Paul; these men were praised by Paul. If you do a word search on Titus, you will see how many times Titus was spoken of by Paul.

God can make us remarkable Christians for Jesus right where we are, this is what God wants.

Titus was a Gentile, most people in our church heritage are Gentiles. In Paul’s day, it was said you couldn’t be a Christian if you were a Gentile. You had to become a Jew, under the Mosaic Laws then become a Christian.

**Put yourself under the Law of Moses**

**Be circumcised**

**Then come to Jesus. - FALSE TEACHING!**

A group of people in the church were teaching this. This was a big deal for Paul to share the truth about this lie in Jerusalem.

Titus was not circumcised – He was a Christian. Paul having Titus with him caused problems with these false brethren.

When Paul met with the big shots privately, so if there were conflicts it would be handled in privacy, not public. Being right doesn't give us the permission to be rude.

Paul was NOT going to allow Titus to be circumcised to adhere to their false teachings. NO WAY! He is not under the law; he was under Grace!

The false brethren did not think they were false, it's not like they wore a name tag on their coat saying they were false teachers. They really thought they were right; how is a person saved – Jesus or the Mosaic Law?

They came in by way of deception, they sounded righty UNTIL they talked about the Law. Sneaky! They were legalistic and wanted all Christians to be in bondage.

Paul was stubborn, he was not going to give in to this false teaching. Stubborn about the TRUTH!

Paul had Timothy (Gentile) circumcised but refused that Titus be circumcised. Why? Out of LOVE for offended brothers for the gospel. But to have Titus circumcised would have been compromising the Gospel. No Way! Paul gave up for love, but not for compromising. We will do out of love what we wouldn't do otherwise.

Again, Paul tells how he received the gospel from Jesus, not man.

Sometimes we think we can receive some unique power or gift from some unique teacher/preacher. (Listen to David personal story on this audio of what he did) We receive from Jesus and the Holy Spirit and His Word.

Don't wait from someone else to lead you into some experience. Your foundation walk needs to be with Jesus.

One Gospel - One Message for everybody - Jew – Gentile Rich – Poor, Smart -not so smart – one race or another, EVERYONE can come to Jesus

## Lesson #6 Chapter 4:1-20

OUTLINE OF LESSON #6 - Verses 4:1-20

- When a Father dies:
  - He leaves an inheritance
  - Children are too young to receive it yet
  - Like slaves, until they grow up and become of proper age
  - They actually own everything
    - They have to obey guardians
    - They have to reach of age before receipt of
  - This is the way with us before Christ came
    - We were children
  - Like slaved to the world
- But when God sent Jesus
  - Born of a woman
  - Subject to the Law
    - God sent Jesus for our freedom
    - We were slaves to the law
    - Jesus adopted us
    - We are now His children
    - God sent His Spirit of Sonship into our hearts

- We are no longer slaves
  - We are children of God
  - We are His Child
  - We are made right with God
- Before – when we “were” Gentiles
  - We were slaves
    - Now we know God
      - Why go back again to slavery (under the Law)
      - Why become weak and useless?
  - You are trying to earn favor with God
    - You observe-Days-Months-Years-Seasons
  - I fear you!
- All my hard work was for nothing.
  - Brothers and Sisters
    - I plead with you
    - Live as I do
    - Become free
    - I have become like you Gentiles
    - Paul is a saved Jew – free from the Law
      - You didn’t mistreat me when I first came to preach to you
  - You remembered when I was sick
  - I brought you good news

- My condition tempted you to reject me
  - You didn't despise or turn on me
  - You took me in
  - You cared for me
    - As though I was an angel from Jesus Himself
      - Where is your joy?
      - Where is your grateful spirit?
      - Have I now become your enemy?
      - I am telling you the truth.
- False teachers are eager to:
  - Win your favor
    - Their intentions are evil
    - They are trying to shut you off from me
    - They don't want you to listen to my message
  - If someone wants to do good – that's all right
    - But let them do it all the time
    - Not just when I am with you
- Dear children:
  - I feel as though I am in labor pains over you
  - They will continue until Christ is developed in your lives.
  - I wish I were with you
  - I could change my tone

**Lesson #6 Review Questions: Verses 4:1-20**

1. What happens when a father dies in verse 1?
2. Children are like \_\_\_\_\_ until they grow up.
3. They still have to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Is this the way we were before Christ came?
5. God sent Jesus, who was \_\_\_\_\_ of a woman.
6. We were \_\_\_\_\_ to the Law.
7. God sent Jesus for our \_\_\_\_\_.
8. We were \_\_\_\_\_ the Law.
9. We are His \_\_\_\_\_.
10. We are no longer \_\_\_\_\_.
11. We are \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
12. Now we know God- why go \_\_\_\_\_ and live as slaves?
13. How are they trying to “earn favor” with God?
14. What does Paul plead with them to do as he does in verse 12?

### OUTLINE OF LESSON #8 - Verses 5:1-18

- Christ has set us free
  - Stay free
  - Don't get tied up in sin again
  - Law is slavery
- Listen!
  - Don't count on circumcision
  - It won't make you right with God
  - There are no benefits from doing it
    - I Say It AGAIN!
      - Don't try to find favor with God
      - Not by circumcision
      - Not by obedience to Moses Law
      - If done so, you have fallen from grace
        - (This is NOT talking about losing your salvation)
- We live by the Spirit
  - Eagerly wait for God's promise
  - We place our faith in Jesus
  - No circumcision is needed
  - Faith and Love are the most important thing!
- You were doing so great
  - You were running the race so well
    - Who is holding you back from following the truth?
      - NOT GOD
      - God called you to freedom
      - A little yeast spreads through the whole batch of dough
- I am trusting God
  - To keep you from false teaching
  - God will judge false teachers
  - They only confuse you
- Dear Sisters and Brothers
  - If I preached circumcision
    - Why am I being persecuted?
    - If I were no longer preaching salvation through the cross, no one would be offended

- I wish all false teachers that trouble you would mutilate themselves.
- We are called to FREEDOM!
  - Don't use your freedom to satisfy the flesh
  - Use freedom to serve others in love
- The Law is summed up in one commandment
  - Love your neighbor has yourself
  - If you are biting and devouring each other – Watch Out!
    - Beware of destroying each other
- Let the Holy Spirit guide your lives
  - You won't give in to sinful cravings
    - Nature – flesh wants to do evil
    - Flesh is opposite of what the Spirit wants
      - Spirit gives opposite desires of sinful desires
      - Two forces at odds all the time
      - Be directed by the Spirit
      - You are not under the Law

**Lesson #8 Review Questions: Verses 5:1-18**

1. Who has set us free?
2. We aren't supposed to get \_\_\_\_\_ again.
3. The Law is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What does Paul preach that man should NOT count on?
5. What makes us right with God?
6. How many times does Paul feel the need to repeat himself?
7. Can we find favor with God by works?
8. Live by the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Faith and \_\_\_\_\_ are important.
10. What does verse 7 and 8 say?
11. In verse 10, what happens to us when we listen to false teaching? (The last two words of the verse)