

The Gospel of Grace
Galatians 1:1-9

I. Background for Galatians

1. Roman province in Asia Minor (Turkey)
2. Paul & Barnabas established Churches
Derbe, Lystra, Iconium (Acts 14)
3. Jewish opposition against Paul's message
At Iconium (Acts 14:2-5) At Lystra (Acts 14:19)
4. Judaizers undermined message of grace
Said law & circumcision must be added
5. Paul writes to defend his apostleship
And reaffirm the message of grace

II. Introduction - 1:1-5

1. An apostle by God's appointment - 1
Christ & the Father chose him to be an apostle
His apostleship was not by human appointment
He had seen the risen Christ – Acts 9:1-8
Qualification for an apostle – Acts 1:22
Resurrection of Christ at heart of his ministry
2. Fellow brethren send their greetings - 2
Stand with Paul in the message of grace
3. Grace & Peace from God through Christ - 3
Provision of grace establishes peace with God
Resting in God's grace brings peace to us
4. Grace seen in Christ's redemptive work - 4
Deliverance through Him who died for us
He paid in full the penalty of our sins
He delivers us from this present evil world
God's grace transforms us from within –
Romans 12:2
God's will is for sinners to be set free
God's will is for man to live in fellowship with
Him
5. Christ is worthy of all glory eternally – 5
Work of grace brings glory to God
This will be the theme of praise forever

III. Theme - 1:6-9

1. Paul's concern for these churches - 6
They had so soon departed from Grace
Being persuaded by another message
2. There is no other gospel - 7
Any other gospel is a perversion
Those proclaiming another trouble you
3. A curse pronounced on them – 8-9
Whether it be Paul or his associates
An angel from heaven
Or anyone with another message
Let him be accursed
Don't let anyone turn you from God's grace
There is no alternative to message of Grace.
4. What is the "Gospel"
Paul outlines it in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
Christ died for our sins, He was buried,

- He rose again the third day
5. What is "another gospel"
Some were adding the law to grace
Some were adding circumcision (baptism)
Cannot add rites or ritual to God's grace
Some would add good works to grace
Works & grace cannot go together – Rom. 11:6

