

The Epistle to the Galatians

Chapter 1

XXXVIII

Paul, an apostle not [sent] from human beings nor by any human, but rather by Jesus the Messiah and God his Father, who raised him from the dead,

and all the brothers and sisters who are with me, to the churches that are in Galatia:

Grace and peace be with you from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

4 who gave himself for our sins so that he might deliver us from this wicked age, as is the will of God our Father,

to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

I am amazed how quickly you are turning away from the Messiah,
who called you in his grace toward another gospel

It is not really [another gospel], but there are some people who were confusing you, wanting to change the Messiah's gospel.

But even if we ourselves, or an angel from heaven should proclaim anything other than what we proclaimed to you, let them be cursed.

Just as I said before, now I am saying again: if someone proclaims to you something other than what you have received, let that person be cursed.

10 Is it human beings I am now urging, or God? Or am I seeking to please people? For if I were still trying to please human beings, I would not be a servant of God.

But I want to make sure you know, brothers and sisters, that my gospel proclamation¹ did not come from a human being;

for I did not receive it or learn it from a human being, but rather through a revelation of Jesus the Messiah.

¹ ‘[m]y gospel proclamation’ lit. ‘the gospel proclaimed by me’

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For you have heard about my previous conduct in Judaism, how severely I persecuted God's Church and tried to destroy it.

I excelled in Judaism well beyond many peers of my kin, and I was especially ardent [for keeping] the teachings of my ancestors.

But when the one who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me in his grace was pleased

13 to reveal his Son to me so that I might proclaim him among the peoples, I did not immediately reveal it to anyone.²

I did not go to Jerusalem to the apostles who preceded me; rather, I went to Arabia and then returned again to Damascus.

After three years had passed, I did go to Jerusalem so I could visit Cephas, and I stayed with him for fifteen days.

But I did not see any of the other apostles except for James the Lord's brother.

Concerning these things that I am writing to you, [I profess] before God that I am not lying!¹

Afterwards, I came to the regions of Syria and Cilicia,

but I was personally unknown to the churches in Judea that are in the Messiah.

They had only heard this: "The one who previously was persecuting us now preaches the faith that he once rejected."

And they glorified God because of me.

‘*anyone*’; lit. ‘flesh and blood’.