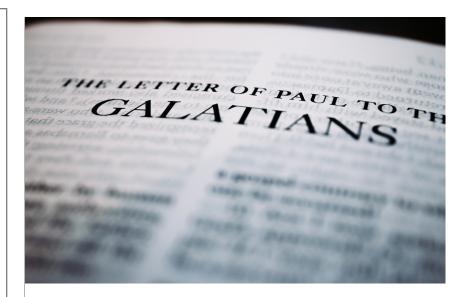
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Galatians 1

11 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. 12 I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism. how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. 14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. 17 l did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. 18 Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. 19 I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother. 20 I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.



Questions for Discussion

- 1. Read Galatians 1:11-20 and 2:1-10.
- 2. What issues are important to Paul in this text?
- 3. What does Paul say about his own authority? How does it relate to the authority of the other apostles? Why is this important?
- 4. How is the freedom that we have in Jesus different than just following religious laws?
- 5. If the gospel sets us free, why do many people not think of Christians as being particularly free?
- 6. If someone asked you how Jesus sets us free, what would you say?

Take time to pray for one another.

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