

# GALATIANS AN INTRODUCTION

The Book of Galatians was written by the Apostle Paul to churches in modern-day Turkey around 48 AD while he was in Ephesus. The earliest of Paul's letters, it addresses divisions in the church that were being produced by a group of outsiders who were trying to change the core Gospel message and challenge Paul's leadership.

## Galatians 1:1-10

Confusion leads to division

Apostle: one who is "sent"

Gospel: the news of God's inbreaking kingdom and the rescue of his people through Jesus' death and resurrection

At the end of the day, we have to be asking ourselves, "What does Jesus have to say about that?"

Our testimony is the most accurate and pivotal story we can tell

*"May God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace..."*

Grace is not just about forgiveness — if we had never sinned we would still need grace! Grace is God acting in our life to do what we cannot do on our own. (Dallas Willard)

Peace is not the absence of conflict — it's "shalom" or fullness of life. Peace is a rest of will that comes from divine assurance about how things will turn out. (Dallas Willard)

Repentance – I'm wrong, you're right

Anything that adds human effort to receive salvation (rescue) is not the true gospel

You can't draw near to the true God through a false gospel

If you add or subtract from what Jesus did on the cross you change the message of the cross