

34 AD – Paul’s conversion
 35-45 AD – Paul’s “silent years” in Arabia and Tarsus
 46-48 AD – First missionary journey
 49-50 AD – Paul attends Jerusalem Council
 50 AD *Galatians*
 50-52 AD – Second missionary journey
 51-52 AD 1 & 2 Thessalonians
 53-58 AD – Third missionary journey
 56 AD 1 & 2 Corinthians
 57 AD Romans
 58-60 AD – Paul’s arrest, imprisonment, & journey to Rome
 60 AD Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon
 62-67 AD – Paul’s trip to Spain
 63 AD 1 Timothy
 64 AD Titus
 67 AD 2 Timothy
 67 AD – Paul executed in Rome by Nero



Galatians 1:1-5

1 Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—
 2 and all the brothers and sisters with me,
 To the churches in Galatia: 3 Grace and

peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Galatians 1:6-9

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!

gospel = euaggelion = God’s good news, Jesus brings life

➤ The Centrality of the Gospel

1. Humans are helpless and lost—in need of rescue.
2. God sent Jesus to rescue us from this condition of spiritual deadness.
3. New life is available to anyone who trusts Christ alone, by grace alone.

“We love to be our own saviors. Our hearts love to manufacture glory for themselves. So we find messages of self-salvation extremely attractive, whether they are religious (Keep these rules and you earn eternal blessing) or secular (Grab hold of these things and you’ll receive blessing now). The gospel comes and turns them all upside down. It says: *You are in such a hopeless position that you need a rescue that has nothing to do with you at all.* And then it says: *God in Jesus provides a rescue which gives you far more than any false salvation your heart may love to chase.*” – Tim Keller



➤ **The Cluttering of the Gospel**

- Deserting the one who called you (v. 6)
- Turning to a different gospel (v. 6)
- Some are throwing you into confusion (v. 7)
- Trying to pervert the gospel of Christ (v. 7)
- This cluttered gospel is eternally condemned (v. 8-9)

pervert = to reverse, to turn it inside-out

"...[The Judaizers were saying] Paul just got his funny ideas by muddling up things that other people had said to him. We've got it from the real authorities...yes, we all believe that Jesus is the Messiah; but we can't have Jewish believers and Gentile believers living as though they were a part of the same family. If the Gentile believers want to be part of the real inner circle, the family God promised Abraham, they will have to become Jews." – N.T. Wright

"If the Gospel is at stake, you must not go quietly into the night, you must raise your voice against the dying of the light." – Dylan Thomas (Welsh poet & writer, 1914-1953)

Galatians 1:10

Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men?

If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Living for an audience of One is the pathway to freedom from people-pleasing.