

Handout 1 (Printed 6/8/2019)

Paul's Letter to the

GALATIANS

An English Translation of the Greek Text

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Address and Greeting

PART 1

- 1 From: Paul, an apostle—not from men, nor for a man, but rather for Jesus the Messiah and for God, the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the brothers who are with me.

2•To: the *ekklesiais* of Galatia.

I:1–2

- 2 Grace to you and *shalom* from God, our Father, and from our Lord, Jesus the Messiah, the one who gave himself for our sins so that he might deliver us from this present evil age in accord with the will of our God and Father. 2•May glory be to him into the distant ages of the ages. 3•Amen.

I:3–5

Preliminary Remarks: Paul's Gospel As Divine Truth Rather Than A Novel, Human Innovation

§ 1 • Paul's Teaching Is To Serve God, Not For the Approval of Men

PART 2

- 3 I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from the gospel that invited you on the basis of the grace of the *messiah* to a different gospel (which is not really all that different)—except that there are some who are confusing you by choosing to alter the gospel of the *messiah*. 2•Now, indeed, even if we or a messenger from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel at odds with what we have proclaimed to you, he is to be accursed! 3•Just as we said before, indeed, I say again now—if anyone instructs you in a gospel that is at odds with what you have already received, he is to be accursed!

I:6–9

- 4 So then, am I attempting to convince men now, in my proclamation of the gospel? 2•Either it is for God that I teach what I teach, or I am striving to please men. 3•And yet, if I were trying to please men, I would not be a bondservant of the *messiah*.

I:10

§ 2 • Paul's Understanding of the Gospel Is From God; It Is Not A Human Distortion or Innovation

§ 2.1 • Paul's History As Evidence That His Understanding Is From God, Independent of Any Man

PART 3

- 5 Now I disclose to you, brothers, that—the good news, the thing being proclaimed as good