Galatians 1

1 Paul, an apostle, not from men nor through man, but rather through Jesus Christ and God the Father, the One having raised Him from out of the dead-

2 And all the brothers with me, To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

4 The One having given Himself for our sins, so that He may deliver us from out of the present (at hand) evil (poneros- toilsome, pain-ridden) age, according to the will of God and our Father,

5 To whom be the glory unto the ages of the ages. Amen.

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting (transferring, changing) from the one having called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel,

7 Which is not another one, except there are some who are troubling (agitating, stirring up) you and are desiring to pervert (turn about) the gospel of Christ.

8 But rather if we or an angel from out of heaven should preach a gospel to you from beside (contrary to) what we proclaimed to you, let him be accursed!

9 As we said before, and now I say again: If anyone is preaching a gospel to you from beside (contrary to) what you received, let him be accursed!

10 For do I now persuade men or God? Or do I seek to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I would not be a bond slave of Christ.

11 For I make known to you, brothers, the gospel having been preached by me that is not according to man.

12 For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but rather through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of my former manner of life (up-turning- change of outward behavior from an up-turn of inner beliefs) in Judaism that I was exceedingly persecuting against the church of God and ravagingly laying waste to it.

14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of the same age among my countrymen (kind, race, family, offspring), being exceedingly zealous of the traditions (that given over from close beside) of my fathers.

15 But when God was well-pleased (well-seemed/supposed), the One having selected me from out of the womb of my mother and having called me through His grace,

16 Revealed His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the ethnicities, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,

17 Nor did I go up unto Jerusalem to the apostles before me, but rather I went away unto Arabia and returned again unto Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went up unto Jerusalem to visit and inquiringly learn of (historeo- like history, gain knowledge by visiting to conduct a full interview) Peter (Cephas-Aramic for Peter) and I remained with him fifteen days.

19 But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the brother of the Lord.

20 Now what I write to you, behold, before God, I do not lie.

21 Then I went unto the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

22 And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.

23 They were only hearing that one was persecuting us then is now preaching the faith which he once was ravagingly laying waste to.

24 And they were glorifying God in me.