Galatians 1

New Revised Standard Version

**1**Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— **2**and all the members of God’s family who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

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

**6**I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— **7**not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. **8**But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! **9**As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

**10**Am I now seeking human approval, or God’s approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

**11**For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; **12**for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

**13**You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. **14**I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. **15**But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased **16**to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, **17**nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

**18**Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; **19**but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord’s brother. **20**In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! **21**Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, **22**and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; **23**they only heard it said, “The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy.” **24**And they glorified God because of me.