

*Paul, an apostle – not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead –<sup>2</sup> and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>4</sup> who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father;<sup>5</sup> to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>6</sup> I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel –<sup>7</sup> not that there is another gospel, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.<sup>8</sup> But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed.<sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so now I say again, If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.<sup>10</sup>*

*Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.<sup>11</sup> For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel.<sup>12</sup> For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.<sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the*



*church of God violently and tried to destroy it;<sup>14</sup> and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.<sup>15</sup> But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace,<sup>16</sup> was pleased to reveal his Son to/in me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood,<sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus.<sup>18</sup> Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him for fifteen days.<sup>19</sup> But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.<sup>20</sup> (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)<sup>21</sup> Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.<sup>22</sup> And I was still not known by sight to the churches of Christ in Judea;<sup>23</sup> they only heard it said, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."<sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me. (Galatians 1:1-24 RSV)*

1. Acts 8:1-4; 9:21-26.

2. Romans 11:1-14 (remnant).

3. Acts 26:13-20.

**4.** What did Paul leave behind to obey Christ – What did he not forsake???