

## Called To Freedom In Christ

### Lesson 2

## Salutation & Opening Concern (Gal. 1:1-10)

### Introduction

As was stated in *Lesson 1*, Paul does not send any greetings of thankfulness to the saints in Galatia. His salutation is short and simple, containing only one or two doctrinal statements (**vv. 1b, 4**). Then, he gets right to the matter about which he writes and was greatly perplexed...the Galatians' apostasy (**vv. 6-10**).

His closing words in **v. 10** were to let the Galatian Christians know just how concerned he was for them. He was not writing to "be their friend." His letter was going to have to forcefully address their disappointing choice in heeding false teachers. If Paul did not address these brethren and their error, he would not be a servant of Christ.

- (1) How does Paul describe himself? (**v. 1; 1:15; Rom. 1:1a; 1 Cor. 1:1a; Acts 9:15**)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (2) Who else does he mention? (**v. 2a**) Do we have any idea as to who some of these brethren might have been? (**Acts 18:19; 1 Cor. 1:1; 16:19**)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (3) What other truths does Paul include in his salutation? (**vv. 3-4**)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (4) What does Paul express to the Galatian saints? (**v. 6a**) Not just that they are deserting Christ, but how?

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- (5) What was the sad reality about the teaching leading them astray? **(v. 7a)**  
Who was at fault? **(v. 7b)** Consider also these passages: **Mt. 18:6-7; Acts 15:24.**
- (6) How does Paul express the seriousness of whether or not the Galatians abide in what he had taught them? **(vv. 8-9; 2 Jn. 9)**
- (7) How does Paul emphasize what he was saying was *not* a matter of personal opinion nor preference? **(v. 10)**