

Guarding the Gospel of Grace

Preserving Liberty in Christ



IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.
A DECLARATION
BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

July 4, 1776

WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Connection which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the Causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, and that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Powers on a new Basis, and securing its Rights by a new Form of Government. This right of the People is inalienable, and it is their Duty, should such a Necessity arise, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security.

We have these Causes declared, and we have the following Grievances, which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the Causes which impel them to the Separation.

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For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World:
For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:
For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury:
For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:
For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, and substituting in its Stead a Government of our own Charters, abolishing our most valuable and ancient Charters, and declaring many of our Rights to be null and void, and depriving us of the Benefits of them:
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For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring us out of their Jurisdiction and subject to every arbitrary Power of English Kings:
For sending to us in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislature:
For keeping among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our Legislature:
For obliging us to accept of a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving us a Jurisdiction in Cases of Ambassadors, Ministers, Consuls, Ships and Goods, which do not belong to us:
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**The Book of Galatians
is the Christian's**

“Declaration of Independence”

“The Charter of Christian Liberty”

Two Purposes for our Study

Get to **Know** the book of Galatians

Because all of God's Word is important!

Know how to **Apply** the book of Galatians

Because the purpose of God's Word is life change!



The Book of Galatians

1-2 The Gospel of Grace **Defended**

3-4 The Gospel of Grace **Explained**

5-6 The Gospel of Grace **Applied**



Galatians 1:1-5

The **Writer** of the Gospel of Grace

The **Recipients** of the Gospel of Grace

The **Salutation** of the Gospel of Grace

The **Nature** of the Gospel of Grace



**These verses are not
meaningless words to skip over.**

**Rather, they are Paul's introduction
to the themes of the entire letter!**

The **Writer** (1-2a)

From **Paul**

Not of man

Not by man

By Jesus Christ

By God the Father



“Paul” = “little, or small”

“Apostle” = “a sent one”

“Apostle Little”

“A man of small stature,
with a bald head and crooked legs,
in a good state of body,
with eyebrows meeting and nose somewhat hooked,
full of friendliness, for now he appeared like a man,
and now he had the face of an angel.”

The Acts of Paul and Thecla
2nd Century

**“For his letters, say they,
are weighty and powerful;
but his bodily presence is weak,
and his speech contemptible.”**

2 Corinthians 10:10



**Celebrate
Paul's Redemption**

The **Writer** (1-2a)

From **Brethren**



The Recipients (2b)

To Galatians

Several Churches

Region of Galatia





Theory #2

GALATIA



Theory #1

This introduction is significant

For what it includes

For what it leaves out!

Two Themes Paul includes

Proving his Apostleship

Clarifying the Gospel

One **Element** Paul leaves out

No **Compliments**

Jumps **Immediately** into his theme

Other Compliments

Corinth - sanctified in Jesus, called to be saints

Colossians - saints and faithful brethren

Thessalonians - election of God, examples to all

Rome - faith spoken of throughout the world

The **Salutation** (3)

The **Blessing**

Grace

Peace

The **Source**

God the Father

The Lord Jesus Christ



The Nature (4-5)

The Person

Our Lord Jesus Christ





The Gospel is about Jesus Christ.

Without Jesus Christ, there is no Gospel.

“Christ Jesus, who ...
made Himself of no reputation ...
took upon Him the form of a servant ...
was made in the likeness of men ...
humbled Himself ...
became obedient unto death ...
even the death of the cross.”

Philippians 2:5-8

The Nature (4-5)

The Price

Gave Himself
For our Sins





The **Price** was the death of **Jesus Christ**.

Without **His Death**, there is no **Gospel**.

**“Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures.”**

1 Corinthians 15:3

**“For if they which are of the law be heirs,
faith is made void,
and the promise made of none effect.”**

Romans 4:14

The Nature (4-5)

The Purpose

Deliver us

By the will of God

To the glory of God





The Purpose was Deliverance by Jesus Christ.

Without His Deliverance, there is no Gospel.



**Celebrate
Your Redemption**

Hymn #122

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

