

We will begin the first lecture of the book of Galatians. / First, we will discuss the introduction. / First, the authorship. / In Galatians 1:1-3, /5:2, /it is indicated that Paul himself is the author.

/Thus, the author of the book of Galatians is the apostle Paul. / Second, the recipient. / To whom was this written? / Paul established churches during his first missionary journey. / Acts 14:21-23, / Galatians 1:2.

/There are places Paul visited to share the gospel during his first mission trip. / The regions of Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch in Pisidia / are provinces of Galatia. / Paul sent letter to these churches.

/Third, the time when it was written and the location. / Paul wrote 2 Corinthians during his third mission trip. / After he wrote 2 Corinthians, he wrote the book of Galatians in Macedonia.

/Therefore, the book of Galatians were probably written in Macedonia. / The book was written around AD 55-58. / Fourth, the purpose. / There were Jews who were from Jerusalem.

/They insisted that Paul's teachings were false teachings. / Then they emphasized the importance of the law. / They claimed that men needed to be circumcised. / Thus, there was confusion between the law and the gospel among believers of the church at Galatia.

/Paul heard the news. / Paul sent this letter to withdraw Judaism in the church of Galatia. / Paul wrote this letter to point out the faults of legalism.

/We do not receive salvation by obeying the law. / It is only by faith that we receive salvation. / Paul emphasized this. / Paul also encouraged the believers at Galatia to find their faith.

/Fifth, characteristics of the book. / A. Defending false teachings. / 1:1, /3:1, /6:17 / B. The relationship between the law and the gospel, which are the core contents of Christian faith. / 2:16, /3:1-4.

/C. The importance of the doctrine of God's grace and salvation, and the practice of faith. / Thus, it detailedly introduces correct Christian ethics. / 5:1-6:10.

/Now we will begin with the first chapter of the book of Galatians. / The title of chapter 1 is "The gospel." / We will look at the main titles. / First, greeting and blessing. Verses 1-3. / Second, the right gospel. Verses 4-5. / Third, a different gospel. Verses 6-10. / Fourth, revelation of the gospel. Verses 11-17. / Fifth, spreading of the gospel. Verses 18-24.

/Read verse 1. / Paul, an apostle--sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead--

/Paul explained where his position came from. / "An apostle--sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead." / God chose Paul to be an apostle even before creation.

/Then when the time was right, God and Jesus called Paul and gave him his position. / Therefore, Paul's duty as apostle came from God. / Thus, it has divine authority. / Paul then preached the gospel with confidence.

/An apostle means "one who is sent." / An apostle is the one who was directly sent from Jesus. / Jesus called Paul an apostle of the Gentiles. / We too have received positions from God.

/Pastors have been called from God as well. / Therefore, we must be faithful before God. / First, people gave us our positions. / However, we must believe that Jesus gave us our positions.

/Therefore, we must work hard for God. / Here, in verse 2, it says, "To the churches in Galatia." / Galatia was a big location that was made up of many regions.

/In verse 3, it says, "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." / "Grace" is given unconditionally. / It is the gift of redemption, / being born again, / and becoming God's children.

/God chose us and saved us. / All this is grace. / It also says, “peace to you.” / Those who receive God’s grace receive peace.

/Verse 4. / who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

/Jesus Christ, God’s Son, came in the body of man according to His Father’s will. / The Lord died instead of us on the cross. / The Lord rose to life in three days. / He saved us from our sins. / This is the right gospel. Romans 1:2-4.

/It says, “to rescue us from the present evil age.” / This world is an evil world. / Matthew 16:4. / It is a sinful world. / The works of the devil are many. / Christ saved us from this world.

/Verse 5. / to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

/Verse 6. / I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel--

/There was a different gospel. / This was different from the true gospel. / This seemed like the teachings of the Bible, but it was slightly different. / A different gospel came into the church at Galatia. / It said, “You must be circumcised even if you believe in Jesus.” / They insisted on being circumcised. / This was the different gospel.

/Verse 7. / which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

/There can be no other gospel. / Anything that does not agree with the gospel can no longer be considered the gospel. / For example, there is real money and fake money. / They are very similar. / Fake money is a little bit different though.

/One cannot use the fake money. / Anyone who uses the fake money would go to jail. / Therefore, a different gospel is like fake money. / Next, it is like planting seeds.

/When we plant seeds, we must plant them as they are. / We must plant the seeds as they are, whether they are round, / long, / or wide. / Then there will be life there. / It is the same with the gospel.

/The true gospel must be testified the way it is, as well as the Bible. / If the Bible or the gospel is changed, it is not the true gospel. / Here it says, “people are throwing you into confusion.” / The church becomes chaotic when a different gospel enters the church.

/When a wolf enters a field where there are sheep, it becomes chaotic. / In the same way, when a different gospel enters the church, it will become confusing. / There will be chaos in the church. / Therefore, we must protect the church with faith.

/Verse .8 / But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

/It says that anyone who preaches a different gospel would be condemned. /If Paul preached a different gospel, he would too have been condemned. / If an angel preached a different gospel, he would have been condemned. / No matter how famous and noble a person is, if he preaches a different gospel, he will be condemned before God.

/We receive salvation through Jesus Christ alone. / Acts 4:12, / John 14:6. / Therefore, we cannot be saved through a different gospel. / The right gospel is the only way to salvation. / Therefore, whoever preaches a different gospel will be condemned.

/Then he will receive God’s judgment. / Today, there are many cults and false prophets. / They are like those who preached a different gospel. / They are truly spiritually pitiable people.

/Verse 10. / Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

/Many people are pleased with a different gospel. / This is because the different gospel is flesh-centered, secularized, and is the wide road. / Galatians 6:13 /However, those who preach the right gospel are persecuted by people. / 2 Timothy 3:12 / Galatians 6:14

/Our God is pleased when we preach the right gospel. / However, those who preach a different gospel make people happy. / If we want to make people happy, we must yield the truth. / We must become humanistic. / We must walk down the wide road.

/Then people will like us. / However, then we will not be God's servants. / We must make God happy. / We must throw away greed. / We must walk down the narrow road. / We must carry the cross and follow Jesus.

/Whether people acknowledge us or not, / whether people follow us or not, / we must preach the gospel. / This is what makes God happy. / This is how to become a true servant of Christ.

/Verse 11. / I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up.

/The gospel that the apostle Paul preached did not come from man. / The gospel that Paul preached did not come from thoughts and speculations of man. / The gospel that the apostle Paul preached came from God.

/Verse 12. / I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

/What was the gospel that Paul preached? / Here, it says that Paul did not receive it from any man. / Paul was not taught it from man. / The gospel that Paul preached came from Jesus Christ. / Paul received it by revelation of Jesus Christ.

/"Revelation" means to "open." / God's revelation cannot be known by man. / One can know only if God reveals it to him. / Because the revelation comes from God, no one can add to or

take away from it.

/Nothing should be added to or taken away from the gospel. / It will no longer be a true revelation if anything is added to or taken away from God's revelation. / That is not the gospel. / Hebrews 1:1, / Revelation 22:18-19.

/Today, we learn about God's will through the Bible. / We do not personally receive the revelation today like the apostles did a long time ago. / We learn about God's will through the Bible, which is the special revelation.

/Verses 13-14. / For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

/Paul was a Jew before he believed in Jesus. / He was a member of the Pharisees. / Paul severely persecuted God's church at the time. / Then how did Paul become an apostle? / How did he become a man who preached the true gospel?

/Paul became an apostle through God's calling and God's revelation. / This was God's grace. / How did a persecutor become an apostle of the gospel? /It was by God's revelation and God's grace.

/When Paul was a Jew, he lived with greater faith than those of his age group. / He worked hard, and he severely persecuted Christians. / Through this we can know that the gospel that Paul preached did not come from man. / Therefore, Paul received the right gospel from God.

/Verse 15. / But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased

/This proves that the gospel that Paul preached came from God. / God chose Paul to be God's servant when Paul was in his mother's womb. / Therefore, Paul believed in Jesus and preached the gospel.

/Paul became an apostle through God. / The gospel also came from God. / The revelation also came from God. / Therefore, Paul preached the true gospel.

/Verses 16-17. / to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went immediately into Arabia and later returned to Damascus.

/Here, Paul teaches about the independence of the gospel he received. / Paul personally received a revelation before God. / Paul did not consult with anyone else. / Paul went to Arabia after he believed in Jesus so that he would pray in secret.

/Paul did not go to Jerusalem after he believed in Jesus. / He did not go to the other apostles in Jerusalem to speak with them. / Paul personally received the revelation of the gospel from God. / Therefore, this proves the independent apostolic authority of Paul.

/Verse 18. / Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him fifteen days.

/It says, "after three years." /Paul stayed in Arabia for three years after he repented. / Arabia was Paul's seminary. / He prayed in the desert of Arabia for three years. / Then he received the revelation of the gospel.

/Then Paul went to Jerusalem to see Peter. / They met and had fellowship through a systematic union. / Paul had a systematic union with Peter, who preached the right gospel. / Paul stayed in Jerusalem for fifteen days.

/It was short amount of time. / It was not a time where Paul learned about the gospel. / Therefore, the apostle Paul did not learn about the gospel from Peter. / Paul directly received the revelation of the gospel from God. / This shows the independence of Paul's revelation.

/In verse 19, it says that Paul did not see any of the other apostles except James. / Here, "James, the Lord's brother" is Jesus' brother. / He was in charge of the church of Jerusalem in the time of the early church. / He was an important figure there, who was like a pillar.

/This shows us that Paul did not have the chance to learn about the gospel from anyone else. / No one taught Paul the gospel. / Paul directly received the gospel from God as a revelation. / In verse 20, Paul says that he did not lie before God.

/Verse 21. / Later I went to Syria and Cilicia.

/Paul moved to Syria and Cilicia from Jerusalem. / Here, Paul proves his independent apostolic actions.

/Verse 22. / I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.

/Paul only met those mentioned above like Peter, James and a few others. / He had no personal relationships or fellowship with other believers. / Therefore, Paul's duty as an apostle or the gospel did not come from man.

/Paul did not learn the gospel from man. / He received it directly from God. / The gospel that Paul received came directly from God. / Therefore, Paul had authority to be an apostle. / The gospel that Paul preached was also the original gospel.

/Then do we directly receive revelations from God today? / We are not apostles. / It is not the time for us to receive revelations from God. / The prophets and apostles directly received revelations from God.

/Now, the Old and New Testaments have been completed. / The standard revelation has been completed. / Today, there is no other revelation than the Bible. / We are not apostles. / We do not directly receive revelations from God today.

/We understand God's will through the Bible, which is the special revelation. / The sixty-six books of the Bible is the special revelation.



/Verses 23-24. / They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they praised God because of me.

/The churches in Judea heard that Paul repented and was preaching the gospel, / and they gave glory to God. / Why did they praise God? / It was because the gospel that Paul preached was the same gospel that the other apostles preached.

/The apostle Paul preached the right gospel. / Paul received the gospel as a revelation from God. / The gospel was the same as the gospel that the apostles in Jerusalem preached. / It was the same gospel that all the churches preached.

/It was the same gospel that Peter preached. / It was the same gospel that the Lord's brother James preached. / The gospel came from God. / Thus, they praised God.

/Today in Galatians chapter 1, we learned that the apostle Paul became an apostle not because of man. / He became an apostle through God. / Therefore, Paul had apostolic authority.

/However, there was a different gospel. / A different gospel is not the real gospel. / Belief in circumcision and Judaism entered the church at Galatia. / Anyone who preaches a different gospel will be condemned.

/We receive salvation only through faith in Jesus. / This is the right gospel. / We are not saved by our actions. / We become righteous through faith in Jesus.

/Have you been saved by faith in Jesus? /Then that is the right gospel. / We received the right gospel. / Therefore, I pray that you will preach the right gospel, / and glorify God in all you do.

/Here we will conclude the first lecture on Galatians. / Thank you.