



Delivered from This Evil Age

Galatians 1:1-5



Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—² and all the brothers 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 deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Galatians 1:3

- **Grace** to you and **peace** from
God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ,



We Sang This Morning

Grace and Peace
Sovereign Grace



Grace

Unmerited divine assistance given man for his regeneration and/or sanctification

Virtue coming from God

Peace

Harmony as opposed to hostility in one's relationship with God

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Grace and Peace,
Oh how can this be
For lawbreakers and thieves
For the worthless, the least



You have said, that our
judgment is death
For all eternity
Without hope, without rest



Oh, what an amazing mystery
What an amazing mystery
That your grace has come to me



Galatians 1:3

- Grace to you and peace from
God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ,



Every reference to God as our Father reminds us of God's role in our lives of creating, guiding, providing, and protecting.

We Pray

“Our Father in heaven...”



**“We” have a heavenly
Father that cares for “us.”**

“We” being

- **Born again believers**
- **Blood bought saints**
- **Disciples of Christ**

Is He Your Father?



Just because you are a
human doesn't mean He
is your Father.



Galatians 1:3

• Grace to you and peace from
God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ,



The (as in the one and only)

Lord (Master, Greek = κύριος)

Jesus (Savior & of Nazareth)

Christ (Messiah; the anointed One
promised and foretold in the OT)



Galatians 1:4

- who **gave himself** for our sins

Turn to Philippians 2:5 to
see when the
giving of himself
began

Philippians 2:5–7 (NET)



- You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ who though he existed in the form of God **did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself** by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature.

Way before His death
Christ gave up His
position, rank, and
privilege in Heaven to
become the God-man.



**On this earth Jesus gave
Himself over and over.**



**He gave Himself every time he
submitted to the will of his parents,
the Mosaic law, the governing
authorities and others who needed
more of Jesus.**



Mark 10:45

- For even the Son of Man came not to be served **but to serve,** and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Ultimately Paul is pointing to Christ dying for us.



Romans 5:6–8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



John the Baptist

describes this as well



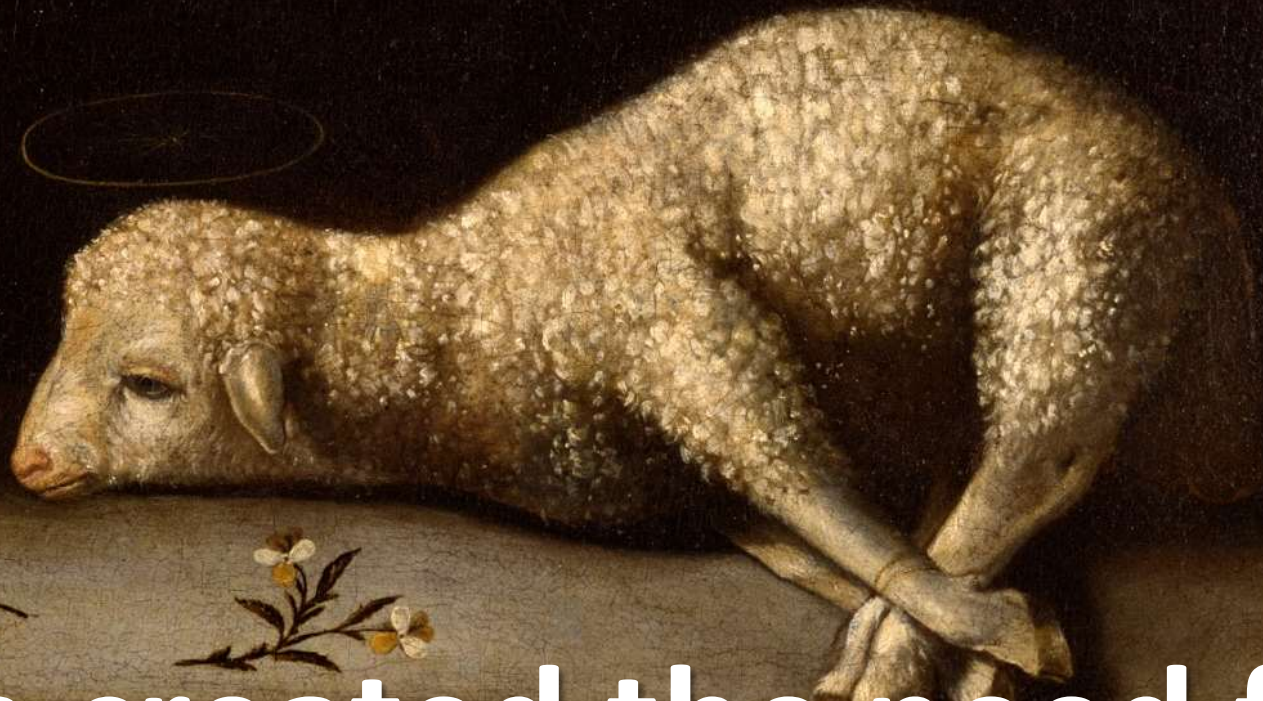
John 1:29

- The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**”



How Did He Take Away the sin of the world?

Substitutionary Atonement



Sin created the need for
atonement.

Atone



to supply satisfaction for

Atonement

**the reconciliation of God and man through
the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ**

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Galatians 2:20

- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me and gave himself for me.**

You can't understand and embrace the Gospel if:



- 1. You don't understand sin and embrace your need for a Savior.**
- 2. You don't understand and embrace substitutionary atonement (for me, our, us).**



1 Corinthians 5:7

- Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.



Are you part of the
“our”

Next Week
the Lord's Supper

Vicarious



- experienced second hand through another (namely Christ Jesus)

Penal

- punitive; punishment (death)

Substitutionary

- done in the place of someone else (for me)

Atonement

- reconciliation of God and man through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ



Mark 10:45

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1 Peter 1:18–19

- knowing that you were **ransomed from** the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ **but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**



Ransom language helps us understand the efficacy of Christ's atonement.

Christ did not pay God or the devil or anyone else something to set us free from the second death and the evil one.



Revelation 5:6

- And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I **saw a Lamb standing**, as **though it had been slain**, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.



Revelation 5:9

- And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are you to take the scroll and
to open its seals, **for you were
slain**, and **by your blood you
ransomed people for God from
every tribe and language and
people and nation,**



Galatians 1:4

- **who gave himself for**
our sins to deliver us from
the present evil age,
according to the will of our
God and Father,



Listen to how this preacher describes sin

(show video)

Who God created you to be...



**evolutionarily predisposed to make
selfish choices;**

survival of the fittest...

**in our DNA, in our ancestral history; we
call it sin in the Christians tradition...**



Or is sin a
social
construct?

a **social construct** is an idea or notion that appears to be natural and obvious to people who accept it but may or may not represent reality, so it remains largely **an invention** or artifice **of a given society.**





Is sin a social construct?

Is morality a social construct?

Is God a social construct?

What about *evil* is that also a social construct?



Teaching the **TRUTH**

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Can we have evil and not sin?



How can something really be evil without a moral authority?

If sin and evil is a legitimate reality than a moral law giver is an absolute necessity.



1 John 3:4

- Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; **sin is lawlessness.**

Lawless

- not regulated by or based on law

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**Lawlessness (Gk. *anomia*)
is activity missing God's
guidance and in violation of
his law.**

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i.e. the law of Christ

Galatians 1:4



•to deliver us
from the
present evil age,

**There is an evil age or
evil world because there is
an evil one.**



John 17:15

**I do not ask that you take them
out of the world, but that you keep
them from the evil one.**

**Every human being cries for a
world that isn't evil. We all want
to live in a world that isn't evil!**



**What is the world's
solution to evil?**



The World's Solution to Evil

- Education
- Laws
- Incarceration
- Therapy
- Medicine
- Wealth redistribution

**Is any of it
working?**



**God's solution to
this present evil
age (world) is a
Savior.**



**The Savior delivers
people from this evil age
in at least three
different ways.**



1. The Savior changes evil people into righteous people.

**Last week we saw how the Christ
changed Paul from an evil
person to a righteous person.**



Galatians 1:13

- For you have heard **of my former life** in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.



1 Corinthians 6:9–11

- Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.¹¹ **And such were some of you.**



**2. The Christ compels
men and women to be
righteous and do good.**

**Turn to
Luke 6:27ff**



What does Matthew 6:33 say?



Matthew 6:33

- But seek first the kingdom of God **and his righteousness,** and all these things will be added to you.



Luke 6:27

- “But I say to you who hear, **Love your enemies, do good** to those who hate you,



How did Jesus teach us to pray?



Matthew 6:9–13

- Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, **but deliver us from evil.**



**All of Christ's Apostles
got this message loud and
clear because they kept
communicating it over and
over throughout their
letters.**



1 Thessalonians 5:22

Paul tell us to:

- Abstain from every form of evil.



1 Peter 1:15

- but as he who called you is holy,
you also be holy in
all your conduct,



1 Peter 3:10–11

- For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him **keep his tongue from evil** and his lips from speaking deceit; let him **turn away from evil** and **do good**;

**3. Christ delivers us from
this evil age (world) into the
age (world) to come for all
eternity.**





What must there
be if we can be
delivered from this
present evil age?



Matthew 12:32

- And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in **the age to come.**

**This
Evil
Age**

**Return of Christ in Judgment
Satan is Sent to the Lake of Fire
Great White Throne Judgment
New Heaven and New Earth**

**Eternal
Age to
Come**



Luke 18:30

- who will not receive many times more in this time, and **in the age to come eternal life.**”



Colossians 1:13

- He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

Your eyes are no longer blinded by the God of this world; you are no longer in the darkness



The hostility between you and God has been turned into peace; you have been made a receipt of God's marvelous grace

God has transferred you into the kingdom of His Son

The Father has given you the right to be called a child of the King

You have been justified, declared righteous, and are being conformed to the image of His Son; you are a new creature

And someday you will dwell forever on a new earth with your Lord



2 Peter 3:13

- But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and **a new earth in which righteousness dwells.**



Galatians 1:4

- who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,



Acts 2:23–24

- this Jesus, delivered up according to the **definite plan and foreknowledge of God**, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ **God raised him up**, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.



Galatians 1:5

- to whom be the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.