

Read Gal 1:1-24

You may think like Paul "stupid Galatians!" but are we any different? - It is quite easy to get lost on this one just as they did.

1. What was the message Paul gave to them?

We get it from verse 4 *He died for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.*

2. What was the different Gospel they started to follow?

Other people came and started to tell them they had to do certain things and observe certain laws and traditions to be accepted by God.

3. What was Paul's response?

I am shocked... v6

You are being fooled... v7

Pretty angry and serious words - it shows how much the real gospel meant to him. Paul knows this is a matter of life or death.

4. Paul convinces them again of the authenticity of his Good News by telling them his story:

> He was **called by God** not men (v1)

> He says **God chose him** from before he was born for this task (v15)

> **God then revealed** Jesus to him. (v16)

He showed them how what he said did not come from him or was something he worked out. It was something God told him through Jesus:

¹¹I want you to know, that the Good news (gospel) I preached is not something that man made up. ¹²I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

The important bits for us right now...

> **The good news - don't change it, keep it simple** as it is stated in the bible - no clever tricks or weird interpretations.

> **Make your foundation and position with God full of grace** - keep on reminding yourself, read bits of the bible that explain this in various ways, be on your guard against straying from this foundation.

> **Be confident in the Good news** - even when people try and discourage you, or you see a world that seems to laugh at it - it was devised by God not by men - it can be trusted to save.

> **Be encouraged** that just like Paul- **God has called you, he has chosen you, and he has revealed Jesus to you.** Your position and standing is secure in God's purposes. (v15 & 16)

> **Saving others is ultimately Gods responsibility.** Although he will want to use us to help him do this. When we witness to others we should be looking for signs that God is revealing himself to them.