

Transformed by God's Grace

Galatians 1

I. God's intention in saving us was to transform us now, not just get us to heaven (Galatians 1:4).

- A. Christ gave himself for our sins by dying on the cross.
- B. Christ died to rescue us not only from hell, but also from the power sin has over us now in this evil world.

Our Need for Rescuing from Sin

1. God rescues us from sin now so that we can enjoy Him now (John 17:13; 1 John 1:3-4; John 15:10-11).
2. The more we tolerate sin, the less we notice its effects.
3. To overcome the power of sin, we must be rescued by God's grace, not by our own ability.

II. The gospel of God's grace must never be compromised or abandoned (Galatians 1:6-10).

- A. It is a perversion of God's grace if we return to thinking we need to do "good works" to be right with God (1:6-7).
- B. To pervert the clear gospel of grace is a serious error that God will judge (1:8-9).

III. God's grace transformed Paul from someone who persecuted the gospel into a person who proclaimed it (Galatians 1:13-24).

- A. Before God saved Paul, he persecuted the church (1:13-14; Acts 8:1; 9:1).
- B. After God saved Paul, he began preaching the gospel which he tried to destroy (1:15,16, 23,24);
- C. The power of God's grace transformed Paul from the inside out (1 Corinthians 15:9-10).