

SOLA GRATIA

Galatians 1:1-5

I. The gospel of grace changes the messenger (1-2).

A. It changes the messenger's nature (1a).

Acts 13:9: Then **Saul, who also *is called* Paul**, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him.

B. It changes the messenger's vocation (1b).

2 Corinthians 1:1a: Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ **by the will of God**, and Timothy *our* brother,

C. It changes the messenger's colleagues (2).

Colossians 4:11: and Jesus who is called Justus. These *are my* only **fellow workers for the kingdom of God** who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

II. The gospel of grace is the basis of the message (3-5).

A. A Message about God's Grace (3).

Titus 3:5: not by works of righteousness which we have done, **but according to His mercy He saved us**, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

B. A Message about God's Substitution (4a).

Titus 2:14: **who gave Himself for us**, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

C. A Message about God's Deliverance (4b).

Colossians 1:13: **He has delivered us from the power of darkness** and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

D. A Message about God's Will (4c).

Acts 2:23: Him, **being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God**, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death.

E. A Message about God's Glory (5).

Ephesians 1:12: that we who first trusted in Christ **should be to the praise of His glory.**