

The Letter to the Galatians

Introduction 1: 1-10

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I. A Letter—Say What?

- Some observations about cultural and technological distance
- Letters of Paul in the real setting
- Implications of Form

II. The Greeting (vv. 1-5)

- Paul's appropriation of ancient greeting form
- "Apostle". Exclusive and Inclusive uses
- Doxological place of the letter/ scripture
- Issues of "Gospel"

III. The Problem (vv. 6-10)

- Paul's 'astonishment'
- The Galatian's 'turning away'
- The fullness of Christ's work/ present evil Age, Age to come –the central issue of letter
- Paul's final statement in intro (v. 10)
- What about Gospel/ Heresy (other Gospel, no Gospel)?