

Galatians 1:1–5 (ESV)

¹ 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 1:1–5 (NET)

1 From Paul, an apostle (not from men, nor by human agency, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead) 2 and all the brothers with me, to the churches of Galatia. 3 Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory forever and ever! Amen.

(1:1-2) From Paul, apostle not my man but by God

What is noticeably different about this introduction than that which we find in other letters in the NT?

Why does Paul emphasize receiving his apostleship from Christ, not men?

KEY POINT #1: The _____

(1:3-5) Blessings from our deliverer by God's will

KEY POINT #2: The _____

What qualifying descriptors does he append to God the Father and to Jesus Christ?

Why might Paul choose to highlight these aspects of the gospel in his opening greeting?

KEY POINT #3: The _____

What is “this present evil age?” In what way are we delivered from that?

KEY POINT #4: _____

What are the implications of him saying "according to the will of God the Father"?