

“Not I But Christ: Fighting for the Truth”  
Galatians 1:1-10; 2:20

Paul Defends His Apostleship and the Truth of the Gospel:

- “I am a true apostle” – Acts 9:1-19; 1 Cor 9:1
  - ... a commissioned messenger of Christ – Ga 1:1
- “I proclaim the truth of the gospel” – Ga 2:5,14
  - ... It is God centered – Ga 4:6
    - = the loving heart of the Father; the atonement work of the Son; the indwelling of the Holy Spirit – Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8-10; Eph 1:13-14
  - ... It is Grace empowered – Ga 1:3,15
    - = God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves – Eph 2:7-10
  - ... It results in Liberty – Ga 5:1
    - = salvation is deliverance from something for something – Acts 13:39; II Pet 1:3,4

Paul Charges the Galatians with Desertion from the Truth – Ga 1:6

- The Truth is a Person – Ga 1:6
  - ... “You are going backwards” – Ga 1:7; 3:3
  - ... “Cursed” is anyone trying to stand before God on any ground but Christ alone – Ga 1:8-9
- The solution: “Not I, but Christ” – Ga 2:20
  - ... “I” (sinful, separated, unrehabilitative) “was crucified with Christ” – Ga 2:20
  - ... “Christ” (righteous, one with God, full and complete) “lives in me” – Ga 2:20
- The life I now live... is Christ living in me – Ga 2:20; Col 1:27
  - ... This is the Truth of the gospel!
  - ... It is amazement more than theology!