

# GALATIANS

CHAPTER 1:10-24  
GRACE

# Today's Lesson

1. What is Grace?
2. Galatians 1:10-24
3. Encouragement from Paul's Story

***“The very center and core of the whole Bible is the doctrine of the grace of God.”***

**-J. Gresham Machen**

# Grace

## **Grace – “chen” – Hebrew**

- Translated “be favorable or merciful”
- Almost always used in connection with a person showing favor or mercy (grace) to a person over which they have authority.

## **Grace – “charis” – Greek**

- Familiar term in Greek culture
- Favor or gift given freely without any claim or expectation of something in return.

Grace is.....God giving favor or mercy (Hebrew) through a gift freely given to man without expectation of anything in return (Greek).

Grace as a Gift

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# Grace and the Gospel

“the gospel of the grace of God” Acts 20:24

## In grace:

- God gave His Son to die for us
- He calls us to Him
- He justifies us when we believe

Everything in salvation is due to the grace of God

# Grace Summarized

Through God's grace and nothing that we did, He gave us the One True Gospel, the way to salvation and reconciliation to Him.

# Paul Continues Defense of the Gospel (10-12)

<sup>10</sup> For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

<sup>11</sup> For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. <sup>12</sup> For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Verse 10** – Matthew 23:1-7

**Verses 11 and 12** - Paul is doing two things here:

1. Separating the gospel he taught from other fake gospels
2. Beginning the defense of his apostleship through his story

# Paul's Life Prior to Christ (13-14)

<sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

## **Verse 13:**

Acts 8:1-3 and Acts 9:1-2

## **Accusations against Paul:**

How could this person who used to kill Christians be one now?

Why should we trust someone like that?

30	Jesus' Crucifixion
32	Paul witnesses stoning of Stephen
32-34	Paul persecutes church
34	Paul's Conversion

# Paul's Encounter with Christ (15-16)

<sup>15</sup> But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, <sup>16</sup> was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles,

**Verse 15:** Paul was selected by God to fill a certain role in God's providence; to "preach him among the Gentiles"

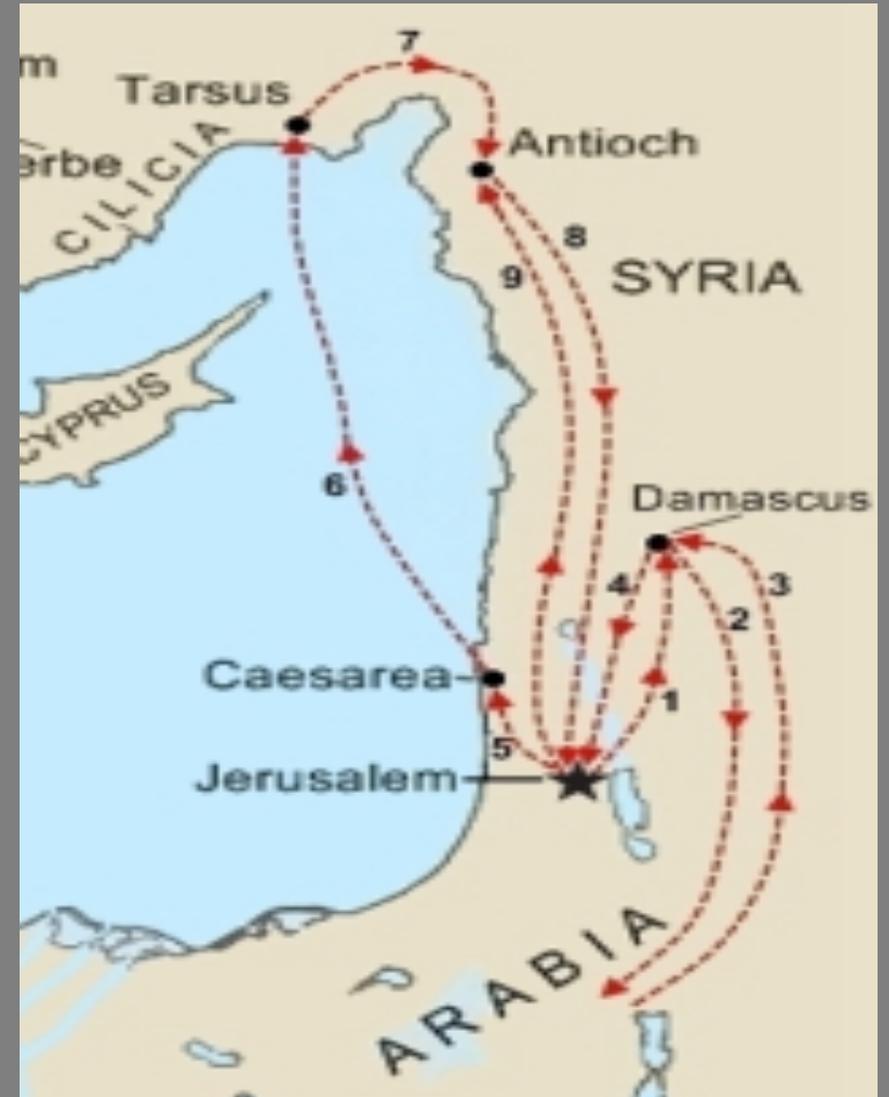
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

Jeremiah 1:5

# Paul's Life After Encounter with Christ (16-17)

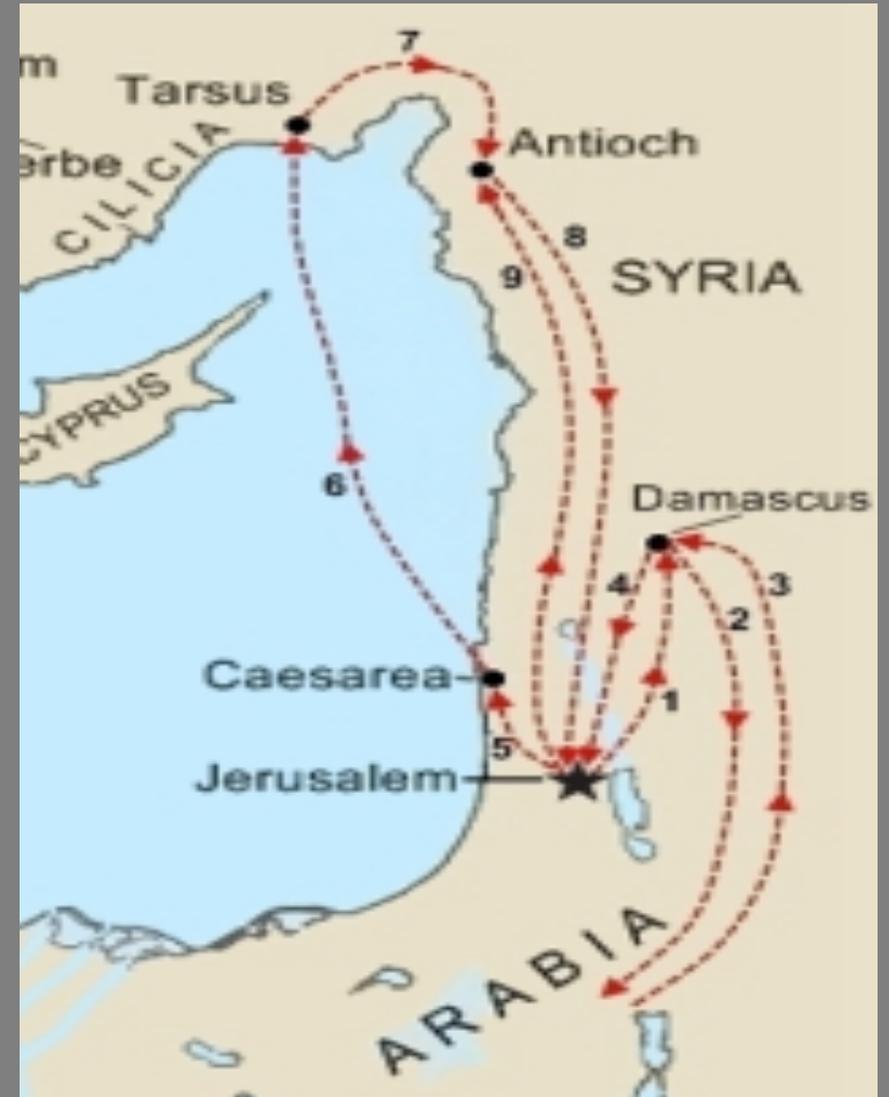
<sup>16</sup> was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

- 30 Jesus' Crucifixion
- 32 Paul witnesses stoning of Stephen
- 34 Paul's Conversion
- 34-37 Paul in Arabia



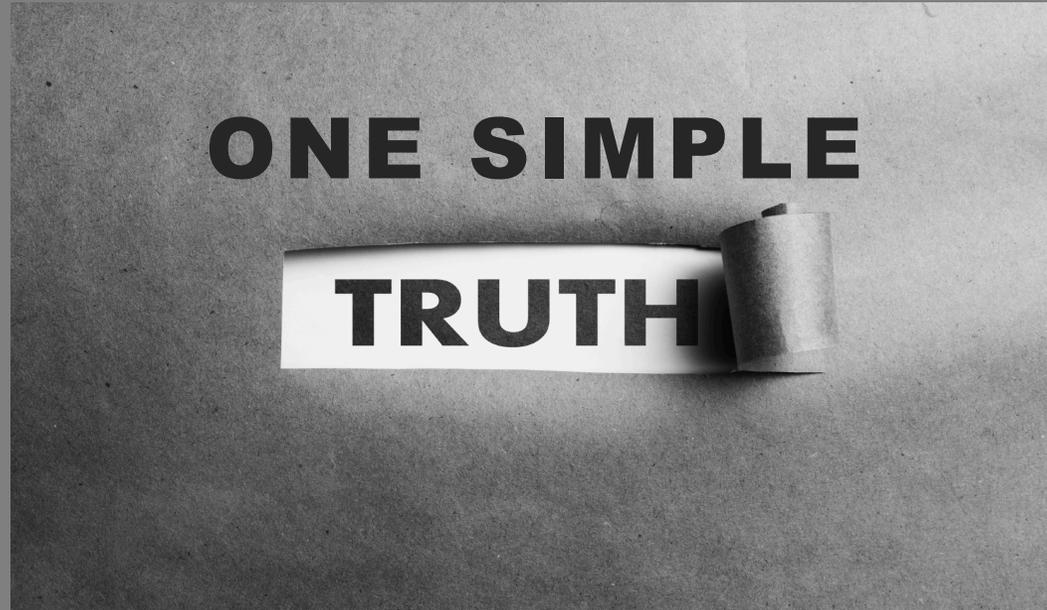
# Paul's Life After Encounter with Christ (18-24)

<sup>18</sup> Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup> (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) <sup>21</sup> Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup> And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup> They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." <sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me.



# Summary of Chapter 1

- Paul is an apostle of Jesus Christ
- Paul received the gospel from Jesus Christ and God the Father
- There is only One True Gospel
- The One True Gospel is possible because of the grace of God
- Paul underwent an amazing transformation from zealous Jew to a passionate preacher of the One True Gospel



Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone.

# Encouragement from Paul's Story

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.  
Amen.”*

Revelation 22:21