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Good News
Message 2

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Outline

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

A. Introduction

(Galatians 1:11-24)

B. The Good News is...

1. _____ from God.

**(Galatians 1:13-14. C/R: Acts 9:1-19; 1 Corinthians 15:9;
1 Timothy 1:13)**

2. _____ for sinners.

**(Galatians 1:15-17. C/R: Acts 9:15-16; Romans 5:17;
Titus 3:4-6)**

3. A _____ of God's glory.

**(Galatians 1:18-24. C/R: Ephesians 1:5-6; 2 Timothy 4:17-19;
1 Peter 2: 9-12)**

Answers: 1. Directly 2. Designated 3. display

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com or blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

Who was God to you when you were a child?

Opening in Prayer

Spend a few minutes in prayer asking God to guide your study of His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Galatians was written by the apostle Paul to several early Christian communities in the province of Galatia, which is modern-day Turkey (see [Acts 13-14](#)). In this letter, Paul faces head on how these young Christians were being misled and missing out on the true freedom found only in the *Good News* of Jesus Christ.

Read [Galatians 1:11-24](#).

1. What point is Paul making in [vs. 11-12](#)? Why do you think he felt the need to defend himself in this way?
2. What was Paul's heart and motivation like before he met Jesus? Do you think he would've been a strong candidate to be a leader in the church? What do you think are an important list of qualities for church leaders?
3. What have been major turning points in your life? What role has Jesus played in each of them?
4. Not every Christian has a conversion experience as radical and sudden as Paul. How is it possible for someone who has grown up as a believer still to know the grace and love of Jesus just as powerfully as Paul did?
5. When did God know He was going to save Paul and use him to be a messenger of the *Good News* ([vs. 15-16](#))? Why is this important? What does this tell us about God?

6. How would you summarize Paul's life mission after meeting Jesus? How does Jesus affect the work you spend most of your day doing?
7. Why is it significant that Paul didn't begin his assignment right away? Why was it so important for Paul not to consult others as he began his mission?
8. Much of what we learn about Christianity comes through reading, listening to sermons, or in relationship with family and friends, but how is that different than hearing from God personally? How have you experienced that difference in your own life?
9. As a result of knowing Jesus, what have been the biggest changes in your life? What are you still asking God to change in your life?

Soul Training

After each Daily Reading this week, pause for several moments in quiet and ask God to bring to mind what He wants you to know.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Acts 9:1-19](#)

Day 4: [Psalm 108:1-5](#)

Day 2: [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

Day 5: [Ephesians 1:3-11](#)

Day 3: [Romans 5:12-17](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

We'll continue our *Living Free* series on **Galatians** with a message titled PRESERVING TRUTH. To prepare read [Galatians 2:1-10](#).



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