Galatians #1 – A Glorious Rescue January 12, 2014 Galatians 1:1-5

- 1. Paul, the author of this letter to the churches in Galatia, went from being ardently against the message of Jesus to one who committed his life to spreading the message of Jesus.
 - a. How does this argue for the resurrection of Jesus as being a historical fact?
 - b. What place does the resurrection of Jesus have in your life and view of God?
 - c. What areas of your life could use a little more commitment to spreading the gospel as an ambassador of Christ?
- 2. Paul often used the greeting 'grace and peace' in his letters. Grace was a Roman\Gentile greeting, peace was the Jewish greeting.
 - a. In combining the greetings of two groups that often had as little to do with one another as possible, what message is Paul communicating about the gospel?
 - b. Who in your life might God be calling you to extend grace and peace towards in a greater way?
- 3. "Jesus gave His life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live." (1:4)
 - a. Put into your own words what each of the phrases in this verse means.
 - b. When you think of God rescuing you from this evil world, do your thoughts lead you to engage the world or withdraw from it?
 - i. What was Jesus' example of how he interacted with the 'evil world' around him?

Scripture Memorization: Galatians 1:4