

The Sound of Freedom #2 – Galatians 1:1-10

LOUD AND CLEAR

Y'all know the tone. The boss walks in fired up. A parent calls you by your full name. A friend looks you straight in the eye and says, "Listen to me—this is important." Immediately, you know this isn't small talk. Something matters, and they want your full attention. That's the feel of the opening of Paul's letter to the Galatians. Paul has received word that the gospel message he first delivered is being distorted—and he wastes no time getting to the point. His words are direct. His tone is strong. The stakes are high. Paul wants to make one thing **loud and clear**: when it comes to the gospel, we cannot afford to get the message wrong.

As we dig into this letter from Paul, let's put our feet in the sandals of the Galatians. They have just received their first letter from Paul and are hearing a direct and urgent message from their spiritual father.



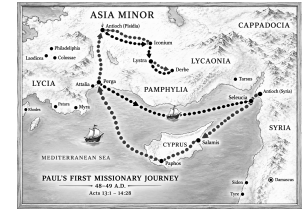
Sender: Who's it from?

When you consider everything we know about Paul, he belongs in the G.O.A.T. conversation—evangelist, missionary, church planter, preacher, teacher, theologian, disciple maker, author of 13 New Testament letters, and a man who endured incredible suffering for Christ. But with all that could be said about Paul, how does he choose to identify himself as he starts this letter?



Recipient: Who's it for?

On his first missionary journey, Paul traveled to the region of Galatia to spread the message of the gospel. Many Gentiles believed and local churches were established (Acts 13:2-4, 38-39; 14:3, 21-22, 27). Now Paul is writing back to these young believers with an urgent message meant to be shared among all the churches.



Purpose: What's the message?

Paul isn't writing just to check in. Something has gone wrong in Galatia. The gospel he preached—the message that had changed their lives—was being distorted. So Paul writes with urgency to confirm and defend the one true gospel: a message that cannot be changed, added to, or improved upon.

Motive: Why's he saying it?

Paul's words are strong because the stakes are high. He isn't trying to win anyone's approval or protect his own reputation—he wants to please God, protect these believers, and preserve the truth of the gospel. Ultimately, Paul's concern isn't his own glory, but God's.



TAG TEAMS:

Is the gospel I believe truly the right one? How would I know?

How does it make me feel to remember that I am an object of a great rescue?

