Galatians 1 (Part 1) Study Notes • "Paul an Apostle"

Read 1:1-5

- Paul describes himself as an 'apostle'. What does this mean?
- What point did Paul make about his apostolic calling?
- Why does Paul bring up the resurrection of Jesus from the dead?
- How does what Paul is saying here support his claim to authority?
- How is the Apostle Paul's claim to a divine revelation different from someone like Joseph Smith's?
- Why was it important to remind the Galatians about the authority of his calling?
- During the Sunday study we read Acts 9: 1-19 and Acts 13: 1-3. What did we learn about Paul's conversion to Christ and his sending as an apostolic missionary?
- Discuss together what you understand by the words 'grace' and 'peace' in verse 3.
- What would you say is the hallmark of Paul's Gospel? (Salvation is a gift, obtained by FAITH. Christ did everything needed to secure our salvation.)
- What have you learned about what the False Teachers were telling the Galatians about what they needed to do to be saved?
- What did the Apostle Paul say in verse 4 that expressed his Gospel message?
- In verse 4 Paul speaks of "the present evil age." What does he mean by that term?
- What does Paul say Jesus did for us regarding this present evil age?
- What does Paul mean?
- What is the most important thing you've learned from these first 5 verses?