

## Galatians 1:1-5

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This letter begins in the usual style of ancient letters by naming the writer, the addressee(s), and conveying some words of greeting. But if you look at Paul's greetings in each of his letters you'll see that they are each a little different. He customizes his greeting to fit the circumstances.

1. Paul identifies himself as an apostle at the beginning of this letter. This seems to be common practice for him because we also see it in his letters to the Romans, Corinthians, Ephesians, Colossians, Timothy, and Titus. Why do you suppose he states his apostleship?
  
2. In this letter he also includes some remarks to clarify his apostleship. What is the significance of each of these statements?
  - a. Not from men
  
  - b. nor through man
  
  - c. but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead
  
3. Why might he include a clarification of his apostleship in this letter?
  
4. Paul also makes some comments about *the Lord Jesus Christ* in verse 4. Do you suppose they are just random thoughts, or were they stated for a specific purpose?
  
5. This letter was written to the churches of Galatia. What cities are located within the borders of Galatia?