

Study 1  
Galatians 1:1-5

1. What is the meaning of Grace? Why is it so important in our understanding of salvation?
2. What is the meaning of peace (*shalom*)?
3. How is the gospel so aptly summarized by these two words? How is the way we live to be characterized by grace and peace? How does legalism undermine these two precious truths?
4. How do grace and peace come to us? What is it based upon? What is the content of the gospel? How is this different from other religions like Buddhism?

5. How is having a different gospel construed as deserting or abandoning God? What are the consequences of accepting a false gospel?
  
6. How are grace and peace being undermined by false teachers in the Galatian church? Why does it matter? Look at Gal 5:15,26 What caused this? Does this happen in your church? How do we mitigate this?
  
7. Reflection Question. Do you personally feel that your faith in God is enough, or do you think you need to perform additional work, such as attending church, Bible study, prayer, fasting, etc., to be truly secure in your salvation?

#### **Takeaway**

**The Gospel of Christ is the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, through which we receive both the Grace and Peace of God. This work, accomplished through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, is fully sufficient for the salvation of mankind. It is by God's grace, not by human effort, that we are reconciled with God, and it is through faith in Christ that we experience true peace and eternal life.**