Lesson 2 | Galatians 1:1-17

"Gospel Clarity" | Lynn Eriks

Main idea: Paul is astonished that the Galatian churches are believing a distorted version of the gospel.

1. Galatians 1:1-5

- Introduction/greeting
- o Identity as an apostle emphasizes his authority.
- Recipients of his letter
- Prayer
- Theme of the Gospel of Grace

2. Galatians 1:6-10

Paul's purpose and motivation for writing the letter

"... [E]ven after we become believers, we are prone to wander from God and the good news of free grace in Christ. Various influences may draw us away, including the sinfulness of our own hearts. In Galatians we see the influence of false teachers, who probably swayed the Galatians in their knowledge of the OT. An effective antidote against false teaching is both a head and heart knowledge of the gospel. When we truly understand that our righteousness is only in Christ, we will not be deceived by any other gospel."

-Dr. Thomas Schreiner

3. Galatians 1:11-17

Authority and veracity of the Gospel message Paul received