

Christ In Me
Delivered From This Evil World
Galatians 1.1-5

[Today we start a new study of the book of Galatians entitled “Christ in me.” This series title is based on Gal 2.20, which reads,]

*[Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, **but Christ liveth in me:** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.]*

[What a glorious and blessed truth. Our Lord Jesus Christ seeks to live through every born again child of God.]

[Read Text]

Jer 29.13

[The Galatian believers received this letter from Paul at some point around 60 A.D.. He had written to these Gauls because their doctrine was under attack by some Judaizers who claimed that the only way they could achieve real holiness and salvation would be to live by the Jewish law.]

[One must keep in mind that the Jewish law refers to much more than just the sacred writing we call the Scriptures. The Jewish law encompassed all kinds of traditions and legal codes that had developed in the rabbinical teachings over the preceding centuries. These legalizers were attempting to draw the Galatians into a religious system that even Christ had renounced.]

[In our day there are a multitude of different religious systems all around us. They all claim to bring people into close relation to God. They do not all mean the Lord Jesus Christ when they say God. Most of them hold a Bible that they claim to be The Word of God and the truth of God, but is not the perfectly preserved Word of God only found in the King James Bible. There is so much confusion about how to find God that many have given up the search for God.]

[My friend do not give up the search for God. You **MUST** find God and you **MUST** discover the **TRUTH** about God. You must settle in your heart and life what the will of God is. For your eternal soul and everlasting well-being is at stake. There is a God on high, and He wants you to know His will and way for this world. God has revealed himself to you in so many different ways and He has placed His undeniable Word, The Word of God, this King James Bible, here for you to find, study, and understand.]

[The Word of God declares,]

[Jeremiah 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.]

Col 2.8

[The Ethiopian Eunuch of Acts Eight (8) was seeking God with all of his heart, was confused in his search, but did not give up, and God sent Philip to help him understand the Word of God and he was gloriously born-again. So it will be with you if you will seek God with all of your heart. You need God! Search for Him diligently.]

[Now, these Galatians had heard and received the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and these religionist came in and tried to confuse them with religious laws and ceremonies, with the Philosophies of man, with the rudiments of the world. The Word of God warns,]

[Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.]

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[Paul wrote this letter to bring the Galatians back to where they needed to be, focused upon Jesus Christ.]

[Notice how God opens this epistle:]

A. This Present World is Evil (Gal 1.4) [- "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, . . ."]

1. This world is evil because of its Prince (Eph 2.1-3; 2 Cor 4.3-4; John 12.31)

Eph 2.1

- [This prince **binds** his subjects (Eph 2.1-3) - All have had their time walking under this prince.]

*[Ephes. 2:1-3 And you hath he **quicken**, who were dead in trespasses and sins; ²Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: ³Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.]*

[Unsaved, lost, people are bound by the devil and do not realize that they are bound by him. They laugh when Christians suggest that they are bound by the devil.]

[Lost people are bound by the devil, and they believe their condition is perfectly normal. The truth is that from this corrupt world's standpoint they are normal, **their NATURE is evil**, hence they are bound. From God's standpoint they are condemned already (John 3.18), they are the children of wrath.]

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A. This Present World is Evil

1. This World is Evil because of its Prince

- This prince **Binds** his subjects

- [This prince **blinds** his subjects (2 Cor 4.3-4) - A lost and dying world cannot naturally understand its waywardness and the course on which it is traveling. Hence, they are blinded by this prince.]

*[2 Cor. 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **4In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.]***

[Lost people in this world are blinded by the god of this world who is the devil. They need their eyes opened. Their eyes can only be opened by the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit of God.]

- [This prince **burdens** his subjects (John 12.31) - He is leading those who follow him to eternal destruction. He will be dethroned. He will be defeated, along with those who are his.]

[John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.]

Eph 2.1

2. This World is evil because of its Principles (Eph 2.1-3) [- The prince of this world leads his subject to worldly principles. These principles are manifest in the way they live their lives.]

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conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.]

[a. **The Way of the Flesh (Eph 2.3)** - Worldly, unredeemed principles are driven by lust - "**.. The lust of our flesh . . .**"]

[**Lust** - epithumia ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah (gk) - 1) desire, craving, longing, desire for what is forbidden, lust.]

[The part of this definition that states "desire for what is forbidden" sounds very much like rebellion.]

Gal 5.19

[b. **The Works of the flesh (Gal 5.19-21).**]

*[Galatians 5:19-21 **Now the works of the flesh are manifest**, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.]*

Rom 1.21

3. **This world is evil because of its Presumption (Rom 1.21-25)**

*[Romans 1:21-25 Because that, **when they knew God**, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became **vain in their imaginations**, and their **foolish heart was darkened**. ²²Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³**And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God** into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.]*

[**They foolishly think that God is like this corrupt creation. God is holy and perfect and is nothing like sinful people or this corrupt creation.**]

*[²⁴Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: ²⁵**Who changed the truth of God into a lie** [**Presumption**], and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.]*

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2. This World is Evil because of its Principles

- [They were **aware** of God (Rom 1.21) - ". . . When they knew God . . ." - Indicating they had a knowledge of God. They know of God.]

- [They moved **away** from God (Rom 1.23) - "*And Changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man. . . .*"

[Mankind wants to do the creating. We like Satan our prince want to be equal with God.]

[In being equal with God we become them managers of our lives.]

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- [They were and are **alienated** from God (Rom 1.24) - "*Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, . . .*"

[God wants you to be near Him. He loves you so much that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, for you. However, God will not force you to be near Him.]

[God will always honor your free will. Not because He has to, but because He wants to.]

- B. This Present World is Entrapped (Gal 1.4) [- ". . . **That he might deliver us from this present evil world . . .**" - **This world requires deliverance.** The devil has trapped mankind, because of this the world and its people require deliverance.]**

2 Cor 11.13

[What do traps do? What makes a good trap?]

[Illustration – Traps and the Marine Corps, booby traps]

1. **Traps are designed to Deceive (2 Cor 11.13-15) [- Our adversary has laid a trap for us. Traps are normally disguised or hidden.]**

[Satan will never come to you as himself. He will always present himself as something other than what he really is.]

[2 Cor. 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no marvel; for

Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.]

[It is interesting to me, and actually compelling, when I realize that Satan always presents himself as an agent for God. It lets you know where the truth really is.]

2. **Traps are designed to Disable (2 Cor 4.3-4; Luke 22.31-32; Eph 4.14) [- When something falls into a trap it is either killed or disabled. Satan blinds those whom he has trapped so that they cannot see.]**

[2 Cor. 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: ⁴In whom **the god** of this world **hath blinded the minds** of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.]

[Blindness is a type of disability that completely disables its victim. Without ones sight all kinds of hazards prevail.]

[Satan wants to sift you as wheat - Don't be tossed around doctrinally.]

[**Luke 22:31-32** And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, **that he may sift you as wheat**: ³²But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.]

[This sifting is one of Satan's primary means of disabling Christians.]

[**Ephes. 4:14** That we henceforth be no more children, **tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine**, by the sleight of men, **and cunning craftiness**, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;]

1 Pet 5.8

[**Our only source of strength when Satan tries to blind us and toss us around is the rock solid foundation of Jesus Christ, and the Word of God.**]

3. **Traps are designed to Destroy (1 Pet 5.8-9) [- Rather than taking a chance of losing you, Satan will first try to destroy you.]**

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[1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking whom he may devour**: ⁹Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.]

C. This Present World can be **Enriched** (vs 4) [-
"Who gave Himself for us . . ."]

Heb 2.14

1. Christ Delivers us from **Bondage** (Heb 2.14-15)

[Hebrews 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; ¹⁵And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**]

Eph 1.3

[Christ died to set you free from your bondage.]

[Christ sets you free by defeating the prince who has entrapped you - **" . . . That he might destroy him that had the power of death, . . . (vs 14)"**]

[Glory to God born again Christians are delivered from Satan's bondage.]

2. Christ Delivers us to **Spiritual Blessings** (Eph 1.3-6)

[Ephes. 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ**:
⁴According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: ⁵**Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself**, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, **wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**]

[Jesus gave himself for us that He might give himself to us.]

[Born Again Christians are Delivered from this present evil world (Gal 1.4).]

[How? By the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross. Our text states,]

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[Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:]

[Are you delivered from this sinful and evil world?]

[Are you still struggling with the sinful works of the flesh?]

[If you are not delivered then you need the Lord Jesus Christ, will you be saved today?]

[Will you be surrendered today?]

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