

Sunday, August 14, 2022—Galatians 1:4-5 Deliverance From This Present Evil World

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:**
- **“Who gave himself for our sins”**—the antecedent to this statement is found at the end of verse 3. It is the “Lord Jesus Christ” who “gave himself for our sins” in verse 4.
- Simply stated, the Lord Jesus Christ willingly gave up His own life to pay for our sins.
 - Romans 4:25—Christ was delivered to the cross for the purpose of taking care of our offences.
 - I Corinthians 15:3
 - II Corinthians 5:21
 - I Peter 2:24—Christ bore our sin in His body as He hung on the cross so that our sin problem could be rectified.
 - Ephesians 5:2—Christ’s giving of Himself is the only offering that God would accept for the payment of sin.
 - Leviticus 1:9, 13, 17; 2:2
- The first step in salvation is recognizing you are a sinner. Jesus Christ paid the price for your sin, and it is only through faith in His payment that one can be saved.
- **“that he might deliver us”**—the word “that” tells us the purpose and the intent of what was just said. Why did Christ offer Himself a ransom for sin so that we might be delivered from something?
- **Deliver**—the Greek word translated “deliver” means to “root out”, “to release”, “to rescue”. The English verb “[deliver](#)” carries a host of related meanings according to Noah Webster’s *American Dictionary of the English Dictionary*.
- The word “deliver” occurs 296 times in 281 verses in the King James Bible. Likewise, “deliverance” occurs 16 times in 15 verses. Lastly, the word “delivered” is found 291 times in 287 verses in the King James Bible. Therefore, I think we are safe in concluding that “deliverance” is an important theme in scripture.
 - Matthew 5:28—“pluck it out” is a translation of the same Greek word rendered “deliver.”
 - Colossians 1:13—the believer has been “delivered” from the “power of darkness” and “translated into the kingdom of his dear Son.”

- **Might Deliver**—it is important to note that the verb rendered “might deliver” is in the [subjunctive](#) mood i.e., the mood possibility or potentiality. The *Oxford English Dictionary* states the following in its entry for “subjunctive.”
 - “*Grammar*. Designating or relating to a verbal mood that refers to an action or state as conceived (rather than as a fact) and is therefore used chiefly to express a wish, command, exhortation, or a contingent, hypothetical, or prospective event.”
- The subjunctive mood is apparent in English when auxiliary (helping) verbs such as “may”, “might”, or “should” are used in conjunction with a main verb.
 - Might (auxiliary) deliver (main verb)—the deliverance provided for may or may not occur depending on the circumstances.
- Christ gave Himself “for our sins” in past time (“hath”) to make deliverance a possibility in the present. But deliverance in the present is contingent upon belief that Christ died for our sins.
- Christ gave Himself for the purpose of rooting/tearing us out of something. What are we delivered from?
- **“this present evil world”**—the thing that Christ gave Himself to tear us out of is this present evil world. Is there any doubt in any of your minds that we live in an evil world? The Law of Human Collapse teaches that things are getting worse and worse, not better, and better.
- People often ask, “How can a good God allow so many terrible events to occur?” Control over the systems of this world lie in the lap of the evil one.
 - Ephesians 2:1-3—the course of this world has been charted by the adversary.
 - II Corinthians 4:4—Satan is the god of this world. He is the one seeking to blind people from understanding the light of the gospel.
 - Matthew 4:8-10—if Satan does not possess the authority in these kingdoms, then this is not a temptation.
 - Matthew 12:24-26—Jesus Christ, from His own mouth, recognizes the fact that Satan possesses a kingdom.
 - II Thessalonians 2:7—the “mystery of iniquity” is already at work during the dispensation of grace. The presence of the body of Christ is withholding the full outset of the “course of this world.”
- We need to understand that Satan currently controls the systems of this world. His kingdom is not about truth and righteousness but is based upon lies and sin. Satan will use any means possible of accomplishing his sinister goals.
- **“according to the will of God and our Father”**—what is the will of God in this verse? That all men be delivered from this present evil world.

- I Timothy 2:3-4—it is the expressed purpose and will of God that all men be saved. It is salvation that pulls men out of this present evil world.
- Colossians 1:13-14—those of us who are saved have been delivered out from under Satan’s authority and dominion and placed under the ruling headship of Jesus Christ.
- II Corinthians 4:4—the god of this world actively works to blind the minds of the lost lest they be pulled out from under his dominion and authority.