

**Title:** Deliverance From This Present Evil Age

**Text:** Galatians 1:1-5

**Main Idea:** God has provided for the deliverance of sinners.

**Division Statements:**

**1. God has provided for our deliverance through the teaching of His authoritative messengers (vv. 1-2).**

Note: These are excellent verses in which to discuss the nature of true Apostleship, that is those who held the office given to lay the foundation of the church (Eph. 2:20). The requirements of this office were: a) Being a personal witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1. Cor. 9:1; 15:8-9); b) Having been personally commissioned and empowered by the Lord for this ministry (e.g. Luke 6:13); and, c) Being granted the ability to perform confirming signs and wonders referred to as “the signs of a true apostle” (e.g. 2 Cor. 12:12).

**2. God has provided for our deliverance through the work of Jesus Christ (vv. 3-5).**

Note: This statement is amazing. Though I opted to handle all five verses in one message, this sentence could easily be the subject of an entire message in it’s own right. Consider the following divisions:

1. God delivers us by bringing grace and peace (v. 3).
2. God makes this deliverance possible by the sacrifice of His Son (v. 4a).
3. God through this deliverance sets us free from the evil of this world (v. 4b) (i.e. We are no longer bound to walk in it’s ways, and we no longer share it’s doom.).
4. God’s deliverance should overflow in adoration and worship (v. 5).

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**Bridging From Text To Sermon**

**Textual Idea:** Paul opens the letter with an affirmation of his apostleship and praise to God for His gracious deliverance.

**Sermon Proposition:** God has provided for the deliverance of sinners.

**Interrogative:** How has God provided for our deliverance?

**Transition:** The text reveals two specific actions God has taken to deliver us from this present evil age.

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