

Paul's Letter to the

Galatians



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“Freedom and slavery
are mental states.”
- Mahatma Gandhi

John 8:31-32

“If you hold to my teaching . . . Then
you will know the truth, and the truth
will set you free.”

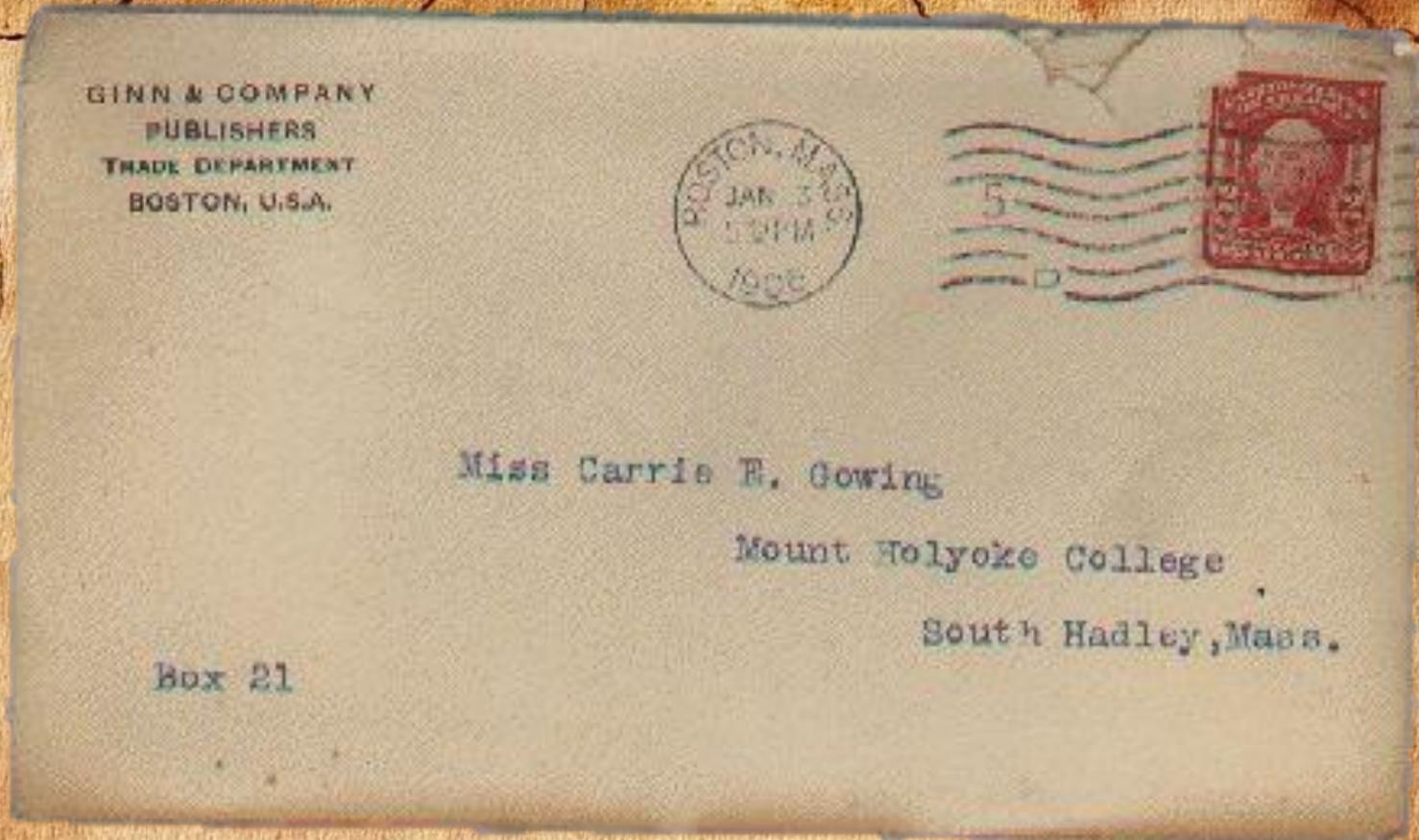
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Understanding,
holding, and
living:

**TRUE CHRISTIAN
FREEDOM**

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Focused Study – God's Word

Galatians



I. Introduction

A. Greeting 1:1-5

B. The Issue 1:6-10

Galatians 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle—
sent not from men
nor by man, but by
Jesus Christ and God
the Father, who raised
him from the dead—
2 and all the brothers
with me,
To the churches in
Galatia:



Galatians 1:1-2

- **Writer**
 - Paul
- **Paul's Companions**
 - Brothers
- **Recipients of Letter**
 - Churches of Galatia
- **Paul Calls Himself**
 - Apostle Acts 9
 - "One who is sent"
 - Not sent by man



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Acts 13-14

- Galatian Churches

- Antioch
- Iconium
- Lystra
- Derbe



Galatians 1:3-5

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Galatians 1:3-5

- Paul's Greeting
 - Grace
God's undeserved love toward sinners
 - Peace
The end of God's hatred for sinners and of warfare between God and sinners
- Rescue
 - From the "evil age"
- Response
 - Glory to God



Galatians 1:6-10

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned! 10 Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Epistle to the Galatians

- Paul, an apostle, sent by God to speak God's message
- Paul was an apostle of God's grace and peace for sinners
- Paul defended the purity of the Gospel, condemning those who changed the Gospel.



What does this mean?

Defend the pure Gospel

- Plato's Philosophy?
- God's Word?

Must KNOW the Word
to defend the Word.

HOW?

