



**Series:** Thriving in Grace  
**Passage:** Matthew 2:1-12  
**Title:** Introduction to Galatians  
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**Discussion Starter** –Describe a time in your life that you have shown great grace to a friend, child, grandchild, or stranger. What motivated you? Did you give from a sense of obligation? What, if anything did you expect in return for your gift?

### Review Acts 13 and 14

1. When did Paul likely write this epistle? How does the dating of the writing help us to understand the importance of the issues he addresses?
2. Where were the Galatians located? Was this the home of a single church? What was Paul’s involvement with their lives?
3. What motivated Paul to tirelessly press on and preach the good news to these and other people?

### Read Galatians 1:1-4

4. What was the definition of “grace” that was given in the message? What is meant by the term “unmerited”?
5. What is the difference between meriting a gift and responding to a gift? Does one exclude the other?
  - a. Have you ever sought to merit God’s favor or blessing? How?
  - b. Does responding to God’s gift imply an effort to earn His favor? What might be an appropriate response to receiving God’s grace? (Romans 12:1-2)
6. What points does Paul present in verse 4 that summarize the good news of God’s rescue?
7. Why is it important that God the Father and our Lord Jesus gave Himself for our sins? (Isaiah 59:2)
8. What was our condition when God rescued us? (Romans 5:8-9)
9. What does it mean that we are delivered from this present evil age?
  - c. What worldly assumptions and behaviors have you been delivered from? What new freedoms have you been given?
10. What would be the expected or logical response from a person who receives a significant gift? (Luke 7:36-50)
  - d. How has your life been affected by receiving, understanding, and experiencing God’s grace?
  - e. What types of life changes and behaviors should we expect to see in our lives as we learn and meditate on the extent and magnitude of God’s gift of grace to all men?