

# THE CROSS AND SALVATION

## Galatians 1.1-10

### INTRODUCTION

Begin with **Galatians 1.10**: 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.

Paul was accused of being a fraudulent apostle who preached a fraudulent gospel

### WHAT WAS GOING ON?

The issue at the heart of this letter

Paul's reaction to his accusers – *Christian experience* reinforces *Christian logic*

At the heart of Paul's gospel lay the cross of Christ

### FIVE TRUTHS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEATH OF JESUS

People who were there when it happened saw nothing remarkable in the death of Jesus – but there are FIVE good reasons for rejoicing in the death of Jesus:

1. His death was both voluntary and determined
2. His death was for our sins
3. His death made our salvation possible
4. His death brings grace and peace
5. His death brings glory to God for ever

## **CONCLUSION**

The cross of Jesus is enough to win our salvation:

- nothing more
- nothing less
- nothing else