

# From Him That Called You Into the Grace of Christ.

by Martin Luther

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*Martin Luther emphasizes the importance of Christ's call to the Galatians, warning against the world's rejection of the Gospel and the temptation to return to the law.*

**Scripture:** John 3:19, Romans 6:14, Galatians 1:6, Galatians 5:1, Ephesians 6:12

**Topics:** "Grace Of Christ", "Christian Liberty"

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## Description

Martin Luther emphasizes the importance of clinging to the grace of Christ, highlighting the benefits of Christ and the dangers of turning away from Him. He laments the world's rejection of the Gospel and its blessings, attributing it to the world being under the influence of the devil. Luther urges the Galatians to remain steadfast in the doctrine of grace and liberty in Christ, warning against being swayed by the demands of the law.

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## Transcript

The reading is a little doubtful. The sentence may be construed to read: "From that Christ that called you into grace"; or it may be construed to read: "From God that called you into the grace of Christ." I prefer the former for it seems to me that Paul's purpose is to impress upon us the benefits of Christ. This reading also preserves the implied criticism that the Galatians withdrew themselves from that Christ who had called them not unto the law, but unto grace. With Paul we decry the blindness and perverseness of men in that they will not receive the message of grace and salvation, or having received it they quickly let go of it, in spite of the fact that the Gospel bestows all good things spiritual: forgiveness of sins, true righteousness, peace of conscience, everlasting life; and all good things temporal: good judgment, good government, and peace.

Why does the world abhor the glad tidings of the Gospel and the blessings that go with it? Because the world is the devil's. Under his direction the world persecutes the Gospel and would if it could nail again Christ, the Son of God, to the Cross although He gave Himself into death for the sins of the world. The world dwells in darkness. The world is darkness.

Paul accentuates the point that the Galatians had been called by Christ unto grace. "I taught you the doctrine of grace and of liberty from the Law, from sin and wrath, that you should be free in Christ, and not slaves to the hard laws of Moses. Will you allow yourselves to be 26carried away so easily from the living

fountain of grace and life?"

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