

## Galatians 1:3-5

### DELIVERED THROUGH CHRIST'S GIFT OF HIMSELF

- I. The gift.
  - I. The Lord Jesus Christ "gave Himself," i.e., gave Himself up unto death: gave up His spirit.
  - I. The Christ, Who is free from all sin, gave Himself; He was the perfect sacrifice.
  - II. That Jesus gave Himself emphasizes that it was a voluntary.
    - He gave Himself "for our sins." i.e., in the place of, as a substitute.
  - I. "Sins" is that which is committed against the Most High Majesty, earning from Him death, i.e., eternal wrath.
  - II. These sins are an infinite number of willful violations of God's Most High Majesty.
    - Christ's giving of Himself was "according to the will of God and our Father."
    - What is God's purpose for willing Christ's giving of Himself? "That He might deliver us from (out of) this present evil world."
  - I. That from which delivers His people is "the age, the present one, being evil."
  - I. "Age" denotes the world from the viewpoint of its historical development.
  - II. That it is "present" means that it is now, current, and also near us, swirling around us which takes us up in its tide.
  - III. It is "evil" in the sense of vicious and active.
    - Jesus gave Himself unto death in order to "deliver" (snatch out, take out, rescue) us from this age.
  - I. The word "out" is emphasized by being expressed twice.
  - II. Jesus purchased us unto Himself so that we belong to Him now, and we do not belong to this age.
    - The result is that blessings can be given to us.
  - I. The content of the blessings (of which we are to be experientially aware): grace and peace.
  - II. The further result is that all glory is given to God and to Jesus.