

Galatians: Faith and Freedom
Why We Believe the Gospel
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We can believe the gospel because:

- it comes from God, not man
(Gal 1:11-12; Rom 5:6-11; Eph 2:1-10)
 - *Point:* The gospel is not my idea, it's God's

- salvation is a miracle that depends upon God alone
(Gal 1:13-24; Acts 9:1-19; 22:1-21)
 - *Point:* The gospel is life changing

- it involves accountability to community - the church (Gal 2:1-2, 6-10)
 - *Point:* The gospel generates confirmation from and unity with other believers

- it is a gospel of truth and grace (Gal 2:3-5)
 - *Point:* The gospel must not be compromised or distorted at any cost

Thinking it Through...

Using Paul's points of defense of his message, how would you determine if what someone was telling you was from God was really accurate? _____

What is the "*truth of the gospel*" and what was the error that Paul was having to oppose? How would you confront that error today? Is the gospel threatened in our day? In what way(s)?

Has the gospel drastically changed your life? How you think and live? How? Do you think others see you and are pointed to God by His work in you? Why or why not? _____

