Galatians: Paul's Charter Of Christian Freedom

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Paul’s strong feelings on the subject of Christian freedom pervade this letter throughout. Paul begins his letter to the Galatians by stressing that he is an apostle, “neither from men nor through a man, but through Jesus Christ and God.” At once he comes to the point: He marvels that they have so soon been turned away from the good news he preached to them. Continuing, Paul reminds the Galatian Christians that they had been declared righteous, not because of their keeping the Law, but because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Now if works of the Law were required, Christ died in vain. Paul then becomes indignant with their having taken this backward step: “O senseless Galatians, . . . did you receive the spirit due to works of law or due to a hearing by faith?”