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[Galatians 1:4](#)

(4) Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

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We easily recognize that [Christ died for our sins](#). But why? ". . . that He might **deliver** us from this present evil age."

The word translated "deliver" does not just mean being delivered from bondage, the way the Israelites were delivered out of Egypt. It means instead, "rescued from the power of." The meaning "delivery away from" may be implied, but that is not the primary meaning here. The power of this *present evil world* lies in its ability and power to make an impression upon us or make us conform to its ways.

Paul writes in [I Corinthians 5:10](#), "I didn't mean that you should go out of [the world](#), but rather that you should not fellowship with one who is a brother and who has this [sin](#)." He is not talking about leaving a place but about being rescued from the power of this world to impress its ideas, manners, ways, customs, and traditions upon us. Paul reiterates this in [Romans 12:2](#): "Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold" (Phillips). That is what we have been delivered from—not God's law, but the power of the world to squeeze us into its mold.

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