



GALATIANS

“The Twisting of the Gospel of Grace”

Galatians 1:1-10

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All scripture comes from the New American Standard Bible (NASB) – 1995 version unless otherwise noted.

- Person:** Paul the Apostle
- People:** The churches of Galatia region
(See map during service or in online video)
- Place:** Antioch of Syria / 48-49 A.D.
- The Problem:** There were Judaizers were causing great confusion and distorting the Gospel by teaching that Gentiles had to be circumcised and follow the Mosaic law, customs and regulations first before coming a Christian. Not only that, all Christians, both Jew and Gentile alike were only righteous before God if they followed the Law. It was a cross + syndrome - legalism and traditionalism.
- Purpose:** True freedom is found only in the grace given to us by Jesus Christ. It is by grace alone that we are saved and not the law. He gives us the grace we need to be transformed by the Gospel in our everyday lives. It is often called the Magna Carta of spiritual liberty of the Christian's declaration of independence.

1) Paul's confidence & compass vs. 1-5

- a) Paul's credibility & commission vs. 1-2
- b) Paul's confession vs. 3-4
- c) Paul's commendation vs. 5

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2) Paul's concern & charge vs. 6-9

- a) They had quickly deserted the Gospel v. 6
- b) The enemy disturbed & distorted the Gospel v. 7
- c) The directive about the Gospel vs. 8-9

3) Paul's calling & commitment v. 10

- a) I'm a bond-servant of Christ
- b) I'm a God pleaser not a man pleaser

Our Response

- 1) Why is it important for us to know who we are in Christ and being confident in who Christ called us to be?
- 2) How does legalism undermine the gospel of grace? Why is it so dangerous?
- 3) How do you see people distorting or even deserting the gospel today?
- 4) In what ways today do we add to the gospel? What are some of the Jesus + "something else" messages being taught or spread today?
- 5) How does Paul's message about pleasing Christ and not men affect you? Do you struggle with the desire to please others over Christ? How might you fight this temptation?