

No Other Gospel But The Gospel of Christ

Galatians 1:1-24

Key Verse: 1:6-7

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel--which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.”

1. How did Paul identify himself? (1) Why did he start by mentioning the source of his apostleship? Who is he addressing? (2b) Review how the four churches in Galatia began (Ac13:4,13,42--50; 14:1--21).
2. How did Apostle Paul greet them? (3--5) What is the core of the gospel (1b,4a), and why did Paul mention it at the beginning of this letter? What did he see as our human situation, and what did Jesus do for us? (4) What can we learn about God here? (4b--5)
3. Read verses 6--7. What was causing the Galatians to desert the one who called them by grace and turn to a different gospel? (1:7b; 3:1; Ac15:1) What is the difference between them? (1:6b--7a; 2:16)
4. What strong warning did Paul give about those trying to pervert the gospel of Christ? (8--9) What was Paul's motive in saying this, and how was it different from the Judaizers? (10; cf. 4:17) What can we learn from him here?
5. What is the origin of the gospel Paul preached, and how did he receive it? (11--12; cf. Ac9:3--6,15,20) How did Paul describe his previous life? (13--14) How did God change him? (15--16a) What was his immediate response? (16b--17) Why do you think he needed this personal time?
6. How did Paul describe his relationship with the other apostles and believers in Judea? (18--22) How did they respond to him? (23--24) Though Paul's personal encounter with Christ was unique, how was his gospel faith the same as all the other Christians?
7. Review what we learn in this chapter about the gospel. What are some "different" gospels in our time? How can we stay true to the gospel of Jesus? (2:5; cf. 1Co15:1--2; Jude3b--4)