

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Galatians 1:6-9--September 3rd, 2023

Sermon Recap:

No Other Gospel

After presenting the gospel in verses 1-5, Paul immediately addresses the issue. The churches in Galatia are deserting the gospel for one perverted to their own liking. Paul asserts, there is only one gospel, one good news, that is Jesus Christ.

I. Deserters of the Gospel

a. Speed

- Depending on the position taken for when and to whom this letter was written, it could be as short as one year between the time Paul first visited Galatia and the threat they are now facing.

b. Direction

- Paul is astonished that they are abandoning free grace and turning back to themselves, hoping to earn salvation through their own work and merit.

II. Perverters of the Gospel

a. Then

- The Church was in such danger because the threat was coming from within.
- False, Jewish teachers were preaching to the Gentile church that they needed to adopt Jewish culture into their lives to be saved. They need to follow ceremonial law, observe traditions and days, and be circumcised to be a part of God's covenant people.

b. Now

- The Church, today, is still facing a perverted gospel that comes from within.
- Through the prosperity, therapeutic, moral, political, social justice, inclusive, etc. gospel, the Church is manipulated into abandoning saving grace and turning to themselves for salvation.
- In doing so, they are proclaiming that the gospel and Jesus are insufficient.

III. Cursed by the Gospel

a. Anathema

- "anathema"- devoted to destruction
- Those who reject grace are still under the curse of the law. They are still destined for God's wrath.
- The Word of God (gospel) is a double-edged sword. Where it does not bring life, it brings death.

The implications are clear: (1) beware false gospels. Do not tolerate or toy with a false gospel. It will lead to death. The gospel is non-negotiable. We don't play with it.

Which gospel are you trusting?

Discussion Questions:

- What is the Gospel?
- What is Paul's charge against the Galatian church?
- What does Paul mean by a "different gospel?"
- Where is the greatest danger to the Church today found?
- In what ways do you see the Gospel misconstrued today?
- What false gospel do you encounter in your day-to-day life?
- According to v.8-9, what is the danger of a perverted gospel?
- Why can there only be one gospel?
- What are the essential parts of the true gospel?

Application:

- Who are you trusting for salvation?
- What gospel is evident in your life?
- Are you exposing yourself to false gospels?
- What is the seriousness or danger of listening to those gospels?
- Read 2 Peter 2 and note the characteristics of false teachers and their teaching. Are there any in your life you need to avoid?
- The best way to identify a false gospel is a deep knowledge and understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How would you share the true gospel with one or more of the false gospels mentioned today?

