

God's Genuine Gospel #3

Deceptive "Gospels" Part 2

Galatians 1:6-9 8/26/2018

Addressing Deception & Confronting a Straying Church (v. 6-7)

⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; ⁷ which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

- They are deserting the God who called them for a different Gospel (v.6)
 - Amazed the good news of God's grace in Christ is so quickly supplanted
 - The dangers of a fickle, restless heart that struggles with unbelief
 - Dragged away & enticed by our own desires
 - A self-centered desire to look for ever-better options
 - Being drawn to "better news" is a betrayal of the God of Grace
 - They are quickly & easily choosing to become deserters
 - This is not just deserting an idea they accepted
 - deserting the God who called them by the Grace of Christ
 - Deserting a completed salvation by grace through faith in Christ
 - For Different Gospel that's really not another Gospel
 - Believers trust God's promise & provision in Christ & surrender
 - Some Deserters seek assurance through performance
 - Refusing what Christ has accomplished **FOR** us
 - Serving their own pride instead of Christ
 - Fake News: Do these things & you earn salvation
 - Some Deserters embrace delusion and indulge sin
 - Rejecting what Christ has accomplished **IN** us
 - Serving their own passions instead of Christ
 - Fake News: Do anything. Salvation without Lordship
 - The Gospel of Christ is the only true gospel
 - "the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints"
 - Any "different" gospel is not really "another" gospel
- Those desiring to distort Christ's gospel are disturbing the Galatians (v.7)
 - The desire to distort the gospel
 - Though their motives vary, Satan uses people to distort the gospel
 - a subversive effort to turn something into its opposite/to pervert
 - changing the good news makes it bad news
 - The Disturbing of the Galatians
 - to agitate or trouble a thing by moving its parts back and forth
 - to cause inward commotion, take away calmness of mind
 - to perplex the mind by suggesting scruples or doubts
 - Are you allowing a disturbance to divert you from trusting Christ?

Announcing Destruction & Correcting a Confused Church (v. 8-9)

⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a

gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

-The Gospel is a Fixed Message

- There is no credential that can change the Gospel God has given
 - A gospel contrary to what was preached
 - No Angel from Heaven or Apostle on Earth
 - The Gospel of Christ fulfills Scripture
 - The Gospel of Christ confirmed by resurrection witnesses
 - The Gospel of Christ was confirmed by Acts of the Holy Spirit
- There is no correction that can change the Gospel
 - A gospel contrary to what you received
 - Anyone who preaches a contrary gospel is false
- The Misrepresentation of the Gospel is Woefully Dangerous
 - Anathema on an Angel of Heaven, Apostle on Earth, or Anyone Else
 - May they be Devoted to Destruction by the Command of God
 - Defeat in Ai and Destruction of Achan (Joshua 7)
 - Denouncement of Saul's Kingship (1 Samuel 15)
 - You cannot skim the cream from rancid milk
 - Don't try to benefit from those who distort the Gospel