

ASTONISHED THAT YOU ARE SO QUICKLY DESERTING HIM WHO CALLED YOU IN THE GRACE OF CHRIST AND TURNING TO A DIFFERENT GOSPEL—
NOT THAT THERE IS ANOTHER GOSPEL, BUT THERE ARE SOME WHO WOULD WANT TO PERVERT THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. 8 BUT EVEN IF
WE, OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, SHOULD PREACH A GOSPEL CONTRARY TO THAT WHICH YOU RECEIVED, LET HIM BE ACCURSED.
9 AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, SO NOW I SAY AGAIN, IF ANY ONE IS PREACHING TO YOU A GOSPEL CONTRARY TO THAT WHICH YOU RECEIVED, LET
HIM BE ACCURSED. 10 AM I NOW SEEKING THE FAVOR OF MEN, OR OF GOD? OR AM I TRYING TO PLEASE MEN? IF I WERE STILL PLEASING MEN, I
SHOULD NOT BE A SERVANT OF CHRIST. 11 FOR I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST. I HAVE BURIED MY OLD SELF WITH HIM IN HIS
DEATH, FOR I DID NOT RECEIVE IT FROM MAN, NOR WAS I TAUGHT IT, BUT IT CAME THROUGH A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST. 12 FOR YOU

GALATIANS

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

WEEK OF 04/12/2026

NO OTHER GOSPEL

GALATIANS 1:1-10

Silence (1-2 minutes)

Sit silently together as a group for a minute as a way to center your heart and invite the Holy Spirit to listen to and receive God's Word.

Opening Prayer (2-3 minutes)

Read: Galatians 1:1–10

Devotional

What comes to mind when we think about God? Perhaps we think about God's sacrifice of His Son on the cross or the characteristic of His never-ending love. In this week's sermon, the beginning of a series on Galatians, the Galatians knew these things too, yet they distorted the original gospel of grace alone into the false gospel of Jesus plus. The first ten verses highlight the original gospel, the no-gospel gospel, and the question "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people?"

1. Name the first word about yourself that comes to mind.
2. What does this word reflect about your relationship with yourself and with God?

Read Galatians 1:3–5 | In Paul's customary letter greeting, he identifies the senders of the letter and its recipients. He also often includes the phrase "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ"—period, end of sentence—which he follows with a blessing or prayer. The churches at Galatia, however, received a letter from a hopping-mad Paul. He completes his greeting not with a prayer or blessing but with the words "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

3. Paul uses the phrase "the present evil age" in verse 4. What is the present evil age to you?
4. Paul says Jesus died according to the will of our God and Father. What characteristics about God does this point to? What does this reflect about our relationship with God?

Read *Galatians 1:6–7* | After greeting the churches of Galatia, Paul doesn't let up on his language. His astonishment is clear, and he wants the Galatians to understand that adding to what Christ has done will take away everything Christ has done.

5. Read verse 6. What does this verse tell you about sin?
6. Read verse 7. What mixed messages (e.g., on social media, from loved ones, etc.) are throwing you into confusion about the grace of God?

Galatians 1:10 | In verse 10, Paul hones his case: Who wants to serve multiple people when they can serve one? Whose approval matters?

7. From whom are you seeking approval? Parents? Teachers? Friends? Why?

In the midst of this evil age, only one gospel promises freedom, that is, this week's Big Idea of "***Christ plus nothing is freedom; Christ plus anything is bondage.***" Only God the Father sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, who was raised from the dead, to deliver us from our sins—and He did it because He wants a relationship with us.

8. Write a prayer from verses 4 and 5: "Jesus, You gave Yourself for my sin of fill in the blank to rescue me from the present evil age. May I always remember You died because Your Father willed it. To God and Jesus be glory for ever and ever. Amen."
9. Write a list of ways you are serving God and what areas you need to turn over to God. Celebrate your service in some way and brainstorm ways to serve God where you are not.

Closing Prayer

Thank you, God the Father, for sacrificing Your son for our sins, and thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for following the will of God to die for our salvation. While there are many joyful things in the world, only You provide freedom from bondage. Free me from any no-gospel gospels and help me cling to the one true gospel. In Your name I pray. Amen.

Share Prayer Requests (10-15 minutes)