GALATIANS | GROUNDED IN THE GOSPEL

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Guarding the Gospel's Integrity | Galatians 1:1–10

NOTES:

BOOK OVERVIEW:

GOD-APPOINTED APOSTLES PROMOTE THE TRUE GOSPEL (1:1-5)

1. Paul's authority comes from God, not men.

Gal. 1:1 *Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—2 and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:*

2. Paul's message (the true gospel) comes from God, not men.

Gal. 1:3 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

THE ESSENCE OF THE TRUE GOSPEL:

- God's authentication of Jesus' "kingly" identity (1)
- God's forgiveness extended through Jesus' death (4a)
- God's kingdom expanded through deliverance (4b)
- God's plans and promises are fulfilled in Jesus (4c)
- God's character on display (5)

THE DANGERS OF A TWISTED GOSPEL: (1:6-9)

1. Deserting the true gospel equates to deserting God (no experience of grace).

Gal. 1:6 *I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—*

2. Distortion of the gospel brings trouble (no experience of peace).

Gal. 1:7 *not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.*

3. Those who twist the gospel face severe judgement.

Gal. 1:8 *But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.*

PAUL'S DEDICATION TO THE TRUE GOSPEL GIVES US CONFIDENCE IN HIS WRITING

Gal. 1:10 *For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

REVIEW/DISCUSS:

1. Read Romans 1:1–4 alongside Galatians 1:1–5. Using the portion of today's outline titled "The essence of the true gospel" as a template, write out 4 or 5 sentences communicating Paul's summary of the gospel as seen in Romans 1:1–4.

2. For various reasons (parental influence, political climate/affiliation, pride or jealousy, etc.), it can be easy to be led astray from the purity of the true gospel message. In what ways have you experienced this? How can you better maintain the integrity of the gospel in your own heart and mind? Keep in mind – this is a lifelong process. And in Jesus you have all you need to grow!

APPLY:

3. Take time with your family or small group to communicate the gospel in your own words. Be open to feedback and journal your experience afterward. Are there areas of understanding you want to grow in? Make a plan to pursue a robust, communicable grasp of the gospel.

SONGS
God so Loved
How Great is our God
Psalm 42
How Great Thou Art

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