

Galatians, Free in Grace

(2) Now, here's the issue

The Wonder, the Wisdom, and the Warning...1:6-9

The Wonder: What (2) things totally astonished the Apostle Paul? vs.6

First that they were deserting (military term) God and second that it was so quick!

What's the ONLY way one can desert God? 3:3, 5; 4:6, 8-9; 1:11; 3:15, etc

These were truly saved. They were brothers and sisters, in the Lord. Unsaved can't 'leave'.

Considering their incredible heritage, what's the warning for us? IICor.11:3; IIPet.1:12-15

That this could happen to anyone. The perversion of the Gospel is often very subtle.

The Wisdom: What did Paul clearly state about the 'gospel' of the Judaizers? vs.6-7a

It's not really a gospel (good news) at all. In fact, it's very bad news. Either it's grace, or...

What did Paul identify this "gospel" as being? vs.7b

It was a perversion (to reverse) of the Gospel of Christ. This is not a minor point!

And what was this perversion? 3:3; 4:9-11; 4:21; 5:1-3

It was to add part(s) of the Law to the Gospel to be more pleasing to God. More spiritual!

What are some of the more prevalent items to add to the Gospel? 4:10; 5:3; Col.2:16-17

Observing special days, months, seasons, years, circumcision, festivals, Sabbath day, etc.

The Warning: What is the warning from the Holy Spirit? vs.8

Any person, angel, anyone, preaching other than The Gospel, let him be eternally damned.

Just in case anyone missed the point, what does Paul do next? vs.9

He repeats, for emphasis, the condemnation on preaching any other Gospel. Very serious.

Why is this perversion of the Gospel such a serious matter to God? Rev.22:18-19

Because it is the Word of God! Saved by grace, stand now in grace, live forever in grace...

The Motive...1:10

From verse 10, of what had the Judaizers obviously accused Paul?

He had withheld the truth about the Law added to the Gospel to please these Gentiles!

After his curse on these false teachers (vs.8-9), Paul's response to them was...? vs.10

Does this (vs.8-9) sound like someone who's trying to please (appease) men? NO.

And then he responds to the Judaizers with...? vs.10b

IF I were trying to please men (like you), I wouldn't be a servant of Christ. You're not!