## THE EPISTLE of PAUL the APOSTLE

### to the GALATIANS

### CHAPTER 1:1-10

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### "THERE'S NO OTHER GOSPEL" - PART 3

### THE THEME OF BOOK:

### IS IN FACT A QUESTION:

How can we (who are sinful by nature), come to god (who is holy by nature)

WHEN MY SINS HAVE SEPARATED ME FROM GOD AND EVEN DOMINATE MY LIFE?

### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Apostolic Authority, Grace, Peace, Works, Gospel

INTRODUCTION

to the text

Galatians 1:1-10

### **The Summation Sentence**

Paul's epistle here is unlike any other written. He is "out of step" with his normal way of introduction. He doesn't pause to personally greet others by name. He isn't interested in any other issues or topics - - he is driven by one urgent passion, and that is - that the correct understanding of the gospel be reintroduced to the churches of Galatia because they were being pulled from the doctrine of grace!

## THE CORRECT GOSPEL

## WHAT IS THE CORRECT GOSPEL?

Acts 20:24

Paul Says;

For it is that... ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to **the gospel of the grace of God**.

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

# AND THE SCRIPTURES MAKE CLEAR

that if a Man Calls Upon The Correct Gospel, he will be saved - "rescued"

# "rescued"

He Will Be Saved from His Sins - and Assured Eternal Life with God

Romans 10:8-11

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

## WHAT IS THAT CORRECT GOSPEL

Acts 16:30-31

And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved...

1 John 3:23 And this is His commandment: **that we should believe on the name** of His Son Jesus Christ...

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who **believe in the name** of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and **that you may continue to believe** in the name of the Son of God.

To Paul the Apostle, The Gospel of Jesus Christ was his "Lifeline" to God. In the flesh - He had done all that he could have done in through the law to be obedient – yet knew internally of his great need!!!

# Morality vs. Conversion

Leon Morris "Christianity became to them a good morality. A religion of doing right rather than believing right. They departed from the pure gospel and embraced a teaching that said "By good and wholesome works we can receive merit before God and know eternal life."

# THERE'S NO OTHER GOSPEL

1.)	Because The Gospel comes from God	vv. 1-2	
2.)	It along has been proven offective	vv. 3-5	
2.)	It alone has been proven effective	VV. 3-0	

Effective to combat a hardened heart, guilt, shame, , Salvation, eternal life, *and a right standing with God!* 

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

vv. 6-7



It's free, but it is not cheap. It cost us nothing, but it cost God everything.

# THERE'S NO OTHER GOSPEL

But the Gospel of Grace

1.) A warning against going back v.6

I **marvel** that you are **turning away** so soon from Him who **called** you

# "When Jesus Died on the Cross -

His death was so powerful of a sacrifice, that the offering of Himself for us, fulfilled all the righteous demands of the Law."

### **Once Jesus Had Fulfilled the Law**

(It), the law, was satisfied forever - it's completed now in Christ!

Romans 10:4 For Christ is **the end of the law** for righteousness to everyone who believes.

A warning against going back

The Old Economy of God was About to be Completed in Christ

## The Law Could Not Save a Man – Only Convict a Man

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus... 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in His flesh,

### THE LAW WAS DESIGNED BY GOD TO SHOW MAN HIS SINFULNESS

# Now Righteousness is Gotten by Putting your Faith in What He has Done

Galatians 3:13

But Christ has redeemed us from the curse (demands) of the law, having become a curse for us

A warning against

going back

### Verse 6

### "I'm Amazed"

that you have **begun** to, you have **started** to drift, have **just now** embarked upon, took the **first steps** out on the wrong path...

# you are "turning away"

(the greek implies returning back to physical rites and religious works)

Turning away grk 3346 metatithemi (met-at-ith'-ay-mee); to transfer your hope, to exchange change sides = G.C. Morgan states it as "being a spiritual turncoat"

# to place your assurance in a different hope

# A Warning to Stay on Course

Hebrews 6:4-6

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

# The Galatians Had Not Done This Yet...

A warning against

going back

2 Corinthians 6:1 We then, as workers together with Him (Christ) also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

Galatians 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

### "Turning Away" From New Testament Grace, Back to the Old Testament Law

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have **been saved** through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is **the gift** of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.... 10 For we are **His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should **walk in them**.

1.) A warning against going back

### THERE'S NO OTHER GOSPEL But the Gospel of Grace

2.) A warning against refusing the gift v.6

called you in (into) the grace of Christ,

# (into) the grace of Christ

the grace of Christ = salvation, which excludes and cancels all human works

A warning against

refusing the gift

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Refusing the gift

Hebrews 3:12-13

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

## Grace & Works Oil & Water

# THERE'S NO OTHER GOSPEL

### But the Gospel of Grace

3.) A warning against a different kind of grace v.6

to a **different** gospel,

The word "Gospel" Is the Word for "Good News" or "Pleasant Tidings" or "Perfect Announcement"

different grk 2087 heteros (het'-er-os); a different kind of gospel. a so-called gospel, a different form from the original.

# Something New

## We Are to be Intelligent Regarding Spiritual Matters

John 4:23-24

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

> Matthew 15:9 And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "

A warning against a different kind of grace

# A Variation from the Original

# Can't You Have a Vision too

With a whole new message? (you can – but it doesn't mean it's true)

### THERE'S NO OTHER GOSPEL But the Gospel of Grace

4.) A warning against additional revelations

v.7

which is not another

another grk 243 allos (al'-los); it's not an orginal. not the real one. an imposter

# "...There is no other gospel coming !"

# THE WARNING IS THIS;

Watch out because there are people preaching that there is <u>more</u> of the same – additions!

# = an **addition** to. Something that comes along **later**

Proverbs 30:6 Do not add to His word, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

"Another "Gospel" which is a perversion of "The Gospel" (mutated news, a different report, an addition to the original)

### The Bible Says Jesus is God

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (vs.14)

A warning against addittional revelations

## Johann Greber

and the New World Translation

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word **was a god**. (vs.14)

A warning against additional revelations

### Revelation 22:18-19

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has **in these last days spoken** to us by His Son...

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE \_

## IS THERE ADDITIONAL GOSPELS? AN UNAUTHORIZED ADDITION

To the Gospel Message

In Less than 200 Years, Non-Christian Cults Have Flooded the World

THE BOOK OF MORMON – ANOTHER TESTAMENT?

## THERE'S NO OTHER GOSPEL But the Gospel of Grace

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A warning against going back A warning against refusing the glift A warning against a different kind of grace A warning against additional revelations conflusion / deception A warning against but there are some who trouble you Trouble 5015 tarasso (tar-as'-so); to stir up the soil or to make muddy. To agitate the water. To turn the water to foam 1111111111 **Amplified Version** "There are others who have come to you after you've already heard the truth, these have now confused you and have caused you to be in doubt. These people have done this by adding just enough of a change to make the true message now false to you and powerless to save you." The Bible – the anti-deception device of choice Our example

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Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. 1 John 2:26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.

# Beware of Yoking

### 1atthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

### Acts 15:10-1

"Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved.

# don't get Yoked

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

> Trouble 5015 tarasso (tar-as'-so); Don't get agitated. Don't get foamed up

A warning against conflusion / deception

John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

# If There is a Teaching or a Doctrine

That brings you to a place of torment and insecurity It isn't from God...

To Put a Yoke of Labor Upon Your Shoulders

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

### THERE'S NO OTHER GOSPEL But the Gospel of Grace

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and want (will) to pervert the gospel of Christ.

# They "want" (they willed)"

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they choose, they prefer, they delight in Error

# They Willfully Deceive

They Know The Truth – Yet Turn Their Followers Away from it For personal power, esteem, or money

### Philippians 3:18-19

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame-- who set their mind on earthly things.

### Jude 1:12-13

These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; 13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

# False Prophets Love to

Re-Define Word Meanings

## Heaven / Born Again / God / Sin

2 Timothy 3:1 But know this, that in the last days **perilous times** will come:

# Jesus / Bible Qualified Those Days as Being -"Daze of Deception"

## **False Prophets with False Gospels**

Jesus Warned Saying...

Matthew 7:15

"Beware of false prophets, who will come to you in sheep's clothing, 15 but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

### Matthew 24:11

"Then many (not a few) false prophets will rise up and will deceive many. (not a few)

### Matthew 24:24

"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

### 2 Peter 2:1

1But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

### 1 John 4:1

1Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

# THESE ARE - THOSE DAYS !

### If the Bible warned that false prophets

would come in the last days

Then wouldn't the existence of these false prophets indicate that these are those days?

### If the Bible warned that false religions

would come in the last days Then wouldn't all the false religions indicate that these are those days?

### If the Bible warned that another gospel

would come in the last days Then wouldn't all the other offers indicate that these are those days?

# A Salvation Plea

Hebrews 13:9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace...

### Ephesians 2:5

even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

### Romans 4:1-5

What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. 5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,