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 4

THE THEME OF THE 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?

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Galatians 1:1-10

The Summation Sentence

The Gospel of Jesus Christ stands alone. It stands from all other manmade, religious attempts to position mankind before God. A manmade gospel is no gospel at all, but it is a damning and destructive course in human effort. Jesus Christ died on the cross. He rose again from the dead, and Jesus Christ is now seated in heaven as he presides over his finished work.

In That Great Hour

John 19:30
"and He said, "It is finished!"
And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

And in Doing so - He Worked a Work for Us

Justification (right standing)
with God by Faith
In the finished work of Jesus
Christ

Biblical Salvation, Redemption, Justification has always been the same...

Romans 4:3

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Psalm 51:7

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Psalm 51:16-17

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Jeremiah 23:6b

...now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

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Philippians 2:10-11

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Acts 10:42-43

"And God commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is Jesus who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. 43 "To Him all the prophets witnessed that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins."

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Revelation 1:4b-5

...Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

Matthew 20:28

"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

He Worked a Work for Us

Acts 13:38-39

Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: 39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

...And Thus the Writing to the Galatians

THERE'S NO OTHER GOSPEL

1.)	The Gospel	comes from God alone	vv. 1-2
2.)	The Gospel	alone is effective	vv. 3-5
3.)	The Gospel	it's the Gospel of Grace	vv. 6-7

TODAY

4.) The Gospel it's God's standard	vv. 8-10
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But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

THERE'S NO OTHER GOSPEL

4.) The Gospel it's God's standard vv. 8-10

1.) The centrality of the Gospel

v.8a

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach

If it's **me**, an **angel** or **anyone** else...

Paul Includes Himself in the Potential Judgement for Error

The Bible Says

That We are Living in the Last Days

It's Notable Marking

Is not global war / worldwide famine / cosmic disturbances / great earthquakes

But Religious Deception

Matthew 24:1-5

And when Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

But Religious Deception

Mark 13:4-6

"Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?" 5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 6 "For many will come in My name..

But Religious Deception

Luke 21:8

And Jesus said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them.

Deceptive Days will Increase

1 Timothy 4:1

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

2 Peter 2:1-2

But 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. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. (in our context = altered).

Knowing the Bible Well is - Your Only Defense

The Danger of Signs & Wonders

Is the message that is associated with the miracle

Matthew 24:24

"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive...

Mark 13:22

false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce...

Verse 8b

any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Any Other

Any addition, deletion or replacement



Accursed 331 anathema (an-ath'-em-ah); dedicated or appointed to damnation. Reserved for judgement.

Jude 1:13

raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

There is Divine Judgement Coming To all those who offer a replacement theology

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

The centrality of the Gospel

Ephesians 2:8-9

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.

A perfect example

Acts 15:1-11

And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this guestion. 3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. 4 And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses." 6 Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. 7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 "So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, 9 "and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10 "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 in the same manner as they."

2.) The authority of the Gospel

v.9a

As we have said before, so now I say again,

So True and Real is

this Curse of God upon Anyone who would tamper with the Gospel,

That it is restated

so as to remove any doubt that what is being pronounced is accurate rather than exaggerated.

What is the Authority?

The Biblical Gospel = Jesus!

The Gospel of the Ages
The same yesterday, today & forever

3.) The confidence of the Gospel

v.9b

if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

By Name - the Bible Exposes Them

2 Timothy 4:14

Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

2 Timothy 3:7-8

always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;

The confidence of the Gospel

He is Using Us as a Witness of Life and Death

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

How we Leave a Place, a Home, a City, a Company

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

4.) The motivation of the Gospel

v.10a

For do I now **persuade** men, or God?

For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God?

Motivation:

A True Pastor Cannot Allow Influence to Sway Him

There are certain things better left unknown.

But Jack, Don't You Know How Much He's worth? But Jack, Don't You Who's in the Audience? But Jack, Don't You Who she Is?

I Preached Messages in front of;

Ray Ortlund / David Hocking / Kent Hughes / John Walvoord
True story I taught a message between before Gayle Erwin – And my earthly boss Chuck Smith

Motivation!



Persuade 3982 peitho (pi'-tho);

To agree with, to seek acceptance, to be liked by the other. To make a friend.

Verse 10b

Or do I seek to please men?

or am I sweating to please men?

Verse 10c

For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

Serving Jesus or Serving Men Will never mix

One motivation is out of love and the other out of Fear

A Fear that Makes you Concerned About What People Think

Better to be Caring about what God Thinks

2 Corinthians 11:1-4

Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly-- and indeed you do bear with me. 2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted-- you may well put up with it!

5.) The worth of the Gospel

v.8-10

It's been said that; "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder"

How You See Things Does not Determine Truth

We must pursue God's truth every day

John 8:32
"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Is the Biblical Gospel of Jesus Christ your gospel?

If anyone has looked to the scriptures and have seen themselves before Jesus Christ, then you have a deep and eternal commitment to Him...

The Legalist

They're dressed like Christians. They claim to believe in Jesus Christ. They call Him savior, they carry a bible, they pray, they go to church, they tithe, they even serve in ministry – but they're hoping to impress God by it!

The Cultist

They want you with them in their new revelation - their second testament of Jesus Christ. You've got to be baptized by their elders, you must keep this standard. They want your money, your name, your attendance. Numbers are important to them. They want you in their "church".

The Truth

I want you with Jesus, I want you to worship Him, I want you in attendance to learn about Him. I want this place filled with ears desiring to hear. I want you in this church or any church that Jesus is in.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.