

FREE AT LAST! THE MESSAGE GALATIANS
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The Perverted Gospel – Galatians 1:6-10

1:6, 7a

I. Professing Christians will come and go.

- A. It amazes seasoned shepherds.
“I am astonished...”
cf. Gal. 5:1; Mark 6:6
- B. It happens quickly.
“...that you are so quickly deserting...”
cf. Exodus 32:8; Judges 2:17
- C. It is personal.
“...deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ...”
- D. It is heretical.
“...and are turning to a different gospel...”
- E. It is tragic.
“...which is really no gospel at all.”

1:7b-9

II. Heretics will rise and fall.

- A. They oppose the Church and the gospel.
“Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ...”
 - 1. The Church is thrown into confusion.
 - 2. The gospel is perverted.
cp. Philippians 1:15-18
- B. They are cursed.
“...But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned! ”
 - 1. No matter who it is.
 - 2. The standard is the apostles’ doctrine.
 - 3. The judgment is severe.
cf. Mark 9:42

1:10

III. Faithful Christian men must stand up and be counted.

cf. Philippians 1:27-30

- A. You rarely win popularity contests.
“Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or, am I trying to please men?”
cf. John 5:44; 12:43
- B. You serve Christ.
“If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.”
cf. Matt. 6:24