

Perverting

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST



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² and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. ⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

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⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ 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.

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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.

¹¹ But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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- ◆ **Paul was shocked – WHY?** - Gal. 1:6
(Brethren had been bewitched / fooled by a perverted gospel - Gal 3:1; 5:4)
- ◆ **The Judaizing teachers** - Demanded Gentiles be circumcised, and keep the Law of Moses in order to be justified – (Gal 2:16; Acts 15:1-5)
- ◆ **There is but ONE gospel that saves** – (Gal 1:7; 3:1; John 17:17; Eph 4:4-6; Jude 1:3; 2 John 1:9,10; 2 Cor. 11:4)
- ◆ **These false brethren were accursed from Christ and troubling the church** - (Gal 1:8,9; 5:1-4; 2 Pet 2).

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- ◆ **Sadly, there are still false teachers who pervert the gospel of Christ,**
 - ✦ Destroying its simplicity – (2 Cor 11:3)
 - ✦ Denying its power – (2 Tim 3:5)
 - ✦ Using a perverted gospel as a means of gain – (1 Tim 6:5; 2 Pet 2:3; Rom 16:17,18)
 - ✦ Disguising themselves under the cloak of grace – (2 Pet 2:18,19)
- ◆ **We must be ready, and willing to stand up to for the truth -** (Gal 2:14; Jude 3)

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Seeking Unity in the Name of Grace - v 6




- ◆ **The true gospel demands unity -**
NOT unity in diversity of doctrine – but unity based on the truth - (*John 17:17-22; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph 4:1-6; Phil 1:27*)
 - ✗ United in denominational error – (*1 Cor. 1:11-13; Jn 8:32*)
 - ✗ United in undenominational error – (*2 Tim 4:3,4*)
 - ✗ United in unscriptural practices – (*Col. 3:17*)

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- ◆ Shift in preaching and teaching from substance, and doctrine to shallow, superficial topics.
- ◆ Refusal to talk about certain topics, (*institutionalism, denominationalism, IM, MDR, modesty, social drinking, etc.*)
- ◆ Changing the sign . . .
- ◆ Promoting unity in the name of grace while dismissing doctrine.



Something doesn't seem right, but I just can't put my finger on it!

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Seeks Confusion Over Clarity - v 7



- ◆ **Pervert** - μεταστρέφω, *metastrephō* - "to transform into something of an opposite character" — Vine's Exp. Dict.
- ◆ **Must question & change the meaning of words** – (*for; everlasting; became flesh*)
- ◆ **Must stretch and distort the context of Scripture** – (*2 Pet 3:16*)
- ◆ **There are difficult passages, but the truth always fits w/ truth.**

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Seeks the Favor of Men, Rather than the Favor of God - v 10



- ◆ **You can get more people that way!** – (2 Tim. 4:3)
- ◆ **Stressing emotion rather than truth** – attempting to stimulate themselves through vain worship and externals - (Prov. 14:12; Jer. 10:23; Mat. 15:7-9)
- ◆ **A positive-emotional-feel good type of preaching** – (Jer 23:14,17; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; 2 Tim 4:3,4)

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- ◆ **Would Paul be shocked today if he walked in MOST church buildings today? – WHY? - Gal. 1:6**
- ◆ **There are still Judaizing teachers – but there are even more perverting the Gospel by ignoring or loosening its demands! -**
- ◆ **There is STILL ONLY ONE gospel that saves –** (*Gal 1:7; 3:1; John 17:17; Eph 4:4-6; Jude 1:3; 2 John 1:9,10; 2 Cor. 11:4*)
- ◆ **People are still accursed from Christ and troubling the church -** (*Gal 1:8,9; 5:1-4; 2 Pet 2*).

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Philippians 1:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST



◆ **Facts To Believe –**

1 Cor. 15:1-8

◆ **Commands To Obey –**

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:36-38; Rom 6:16-18; 10:16; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Heb. 5:8,9; Jam 2:14-26

◆ **Promises To Be**

Enjoyed – Col 1:5, 23; 1 Pet. 1:3-12

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