

TSRG 1: Gal 1:1-10 – THERE'S ONLY ONE GOSPEL

How would you know if you were walking away from the gospel? "I'd reject Jesus. Stop going to church. Walk away from God." But what if you still believed in Jesus, still gathered with the church, and were becoming more serious about obeying Scripture? That's what makes Galatians so unsettling. Teachers were telling these believers that faith in Jesus needed something added: **circumcision and life under the law**. It sounded convincing. Jesus was Jewish. Circumcision went back to Abraham. Surely this was the next step. Then Paul's letter arrives—and he calls it desertion. Imagine their response: "Paul, we're not leaving God. We're trying to get closer." **But they were being taught to rely on something alongside Christ for their acceptance before God.**

We live in a Christian culture that views seemingly small modifications to the gospel as benign rather than deadly. Seem helpful. Popular. Framed in religious vocab.

- Got on plane pilot says w/i 1 deg: Las Vegas to Israel 1 degree off, miss TA Med or the Sinai desert. Vegas > Honolulu OCEAN. MORE IMPORTANT ETERNITY. God knows how. **REQUIRES PERFECTION (HIS)**. What r we trusting in full ACC>GD

M: God has given us one gospel: Christ gave Himself to rescue us. No messenger has authority to change it, and no pressure to win approval justifies compromising it.

GOD HAS GIVEN THE GOSPEL

MORE THAN GREETING –Saul: persecutor of church. Met risen Jesus on road to Damascus. Rescued by GOD'S GRACE

- Trusted bc Gospel preached came from God/affirmed in community

Galatia: Churches he planted Turkey Southern 1st journey. Northern 2nd

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCES GOD'S RESCUE

This is what Jesus has done. Theological center of the epistle – **THIS IS THE GOSPEL**

- **He gave himself for our sin:** Jesus willingly sacrificed Himself so that the debt your sin created could be paid. **I DESERVED THE SUFFERING**
- **To deliver/rescue us from the present evil age:** We need to be rescued. Present Evil Age at work around/within. **SOMEONE DROWNING IN WATER**
 - o He did everything for you. A gift that you receive. **I NEED TO B RESCUED**

Ro 5:7-8 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- o **God Willed This:** To do it this way – THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY

Rescued congregation with amazing stories. THAT IS THE GOSPEL

THEY DESERTED AFTER BEING CALLED

Normally u find thanksgiving and gratitude. Here we find shock and deep concern.

Paul seen a lot: miracles. Violent opposition. Radical reversals.. Demons exorcised

- This is one of the sharpest concerns he's ever had – **ON THEIR WAY OUT**
 - o **Deserting:** To abandon. Transfer allegiance. Present tense the departure is underway. **IMAGINE THEY DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS THE CASE**

- Genuine Work: Called in **grace** – **Salvation/Deliv as God's gift thru Christ**

Turning to different gospel – **ONLY 1 GOSPEL AND THIS ISN'T IT.**

INFLUENCERS (Judaizers): Actively engaging people. Persuasive. Convincing.

Just because someone has strong convictions and is convincing doesn't mean their message is true.

THE QUESTION: Must Gentiles who believe in Israel's Messiah also receive circumcision and live under the law of Moses to belong fully to God's covenant people? **These teachers said yes. STILL BELIEVE NEED TO BE CONVERTED**

- Paul said acceptance thru Christ already sufficient. MESSAGE DANGEROUS

When we make something alongside Christ necessary to secure the acceptance God gives through Christ, we change the gospel.

Woah Paul. We aren't deserting. We're doing something good. **THIS MAKES SENSE A FALSE GOSPEL - A DISTORTED GOSPEL TURNS PEOPLE AWAY FROM GOD**

- We know: Pressure believe popular, soften what's uncomfortable, or chase approval people whose opinions keep changing. Sometimes obvious, subtle

Today: Influencers redefining Jesus, making religious observance or moral performance necessary for acceptance, presenting other faiths as equally saving—or pressuring us to soften the gospel to gain approval. Coming with the newest or latest thing.

Test every claim against the apostolic gospel: What does it change about Christ, His saving work, or how we belong to God? Whose approval is governing what we believe and proclaim?

- **Counterfeits succeed close come to original** Invest SY counterfeit dept not fake bill/ real thing. handle genuine bills over and over, side by side, until know the feel paper, weight, texture of the ink, fine detail of print. **COUNTERFEITS**

LET FALSE MESSENGERS BE CURSED – UNDER DIVINE JUDGMENT

- No one can revise message. Doesn't matter. Angel. Tele-pastor. Even PAUL/ME

Don't trust my personality. History. Accomplishments. Position. **JUDGE WHAT I PREACH**

THE GOSPEL REQUIRES OUR ALLEGIANCE

Paul: It doesn't matter if the whole world is against me. My allegiance is settled.

- **I am Christ's servant. His approval governs what I preach.**

What are we depending on? What message do we preach? What if ur favorite influencer or preacher subtly added to the Christ's sufficiency?

A few years ago, a group of boaters off the Florida coast had their boat struck by lightning. Chaos. The boat's going down, they're in the water, dizzy and disoriented. Then a Coast Guard helicopter shows up and lowers a cable. Imagine: No thanks. I'll swim halfway back. Gonna try to fix the boat. **THEY GRABBED THE CABLE. RESCUED**

CONTINUE TO CLING TO THE ONLY GOSPEL THAT SAVES – AND IF YOU HAVEN'T TODAY IS UR DAY FOR RESCUE