

**There Is only One Gospel**

**Galatians 1:6-9**

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Paul’s greeting in the letter to the Galatians lacked one signature element: Paul doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ them for anything. Instead, Paul gets to the serious heart of the matter. (for comparison, see Philippians 1:3-6, Ephesians 1:15-17, Colossians 1:3-8, 1 Corinthians 1:4-8)

Verse 6 indicates that it didn’t take long for the churches in Galatia to turn their backs on the true gospel and begin believing a false gospel. Acts 13-14 record Paul’s first trip through the region, where he helped to establish these churches in \_\_\_\_\_ AD, about 5 years before this letter is written.

The ‘Him’ in verse 6 is not referring to Paul. By rejecting the gospel, the Galatians are rejecting *Him*, **JESUS CHRIST**. Jesus’ identity is intrinsically tied to the gospel.

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**To revise the gospel is to attempt to revise Christ Himself!** In what ways have people attempted to alter the gospel in recent years?

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**WHAT IS THE REAL GOSPEL?** (consider 1 Peter 3:15)

**God: The Righteous** \_\_\_\_\_

(see Genesis 1:1, Revelation 19:16, Exodus 34:16-17, Romans 1:18)

**Man: the fallen** \_\_\_\_\_

(see Genesis 1:27, 3:6, Romans 3:23, 5:12, 6:23, Isaiah 64:6-7)

**Jesus: God’s plan for** \_\_\_\_\_

(see Isaiah 53:6, Philippians 2:5-8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4, 2 Cor. 5:21)

**Faith: man’s \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s grace**

(see John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10, Hebrews 12:2)

Why do people want to pervert the gospel and make it into something it is not? Because the true gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ to the natural heart of man.

- We are not the \_\_\_\_\_ being.
- We are \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are not capable of \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.
- It proclaims, without shame, that it is the \_\_\_\_\_ gospel.

What is at stake for those who willingly alter the gospel of Jesus Christ? Galatians 1:8-9 spell it out – they will become \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul declares that this penalty would apply to himself, as well as to angelic messengers, he is emphasizing that the gospel belongs to God, and therefore the \_\_\_\_\_ is of greater important than the \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul, though stern here, is not writing to the Galatians without hope. He refuses to commend them, but he is not yet ready to \_\_\_\_\_ them. Verse 6 indicates that they are ‘deserting Jesus’, but the process is not complete. There is still hope for those who have believed a false gospel. May they turn and repent, and experience redemption in the only gospel that can provide it for them, the gospel of Jesus Christ.