

Sermon Notes & Study Guide Galatians 1:6-10

Why Getting the Gospel Right is Important

1. Paul's Astonishment

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

2. Paul's Adversaries

⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

3. Paul's Anathema

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

4. Paul's Aim

¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Questions for Further Application:

Martin Luther said "There is no middle ground between Christian righteousness and works-righteousness. There is no other alternative to Christian righteousness but works righteousness; if you do not build your confidence on the work of Christ you must build your confidence on your own work."

1. What examples do you see in our modern Christian culture of works righteousness emphasized over Christ's work and righteousness?

2. Paul writes with great emotion and fiery indignation. Why does understanding the true Gospel produce anger at false gospel?

3. How would you explain the Gospel to someone who asked you what you believed?