

Read Galatians 1:1-10. From the very beginning, the apostle Paul grounds his message in divine authority. The gospel he preached did not originate in human thought, but in God's revealed truth. But there's a problem: the Galatians appear to be deserting the gospel of Christ for a different "gospel." The Galatians had begun well, but they were now drifting - drawn away not merely from correct doctrine, but from Christ Himself.

There were false teachers following after Paul, trying to add the Mosaic Law and man-made traditions to the freedom found in Christ. What was being presented to the Galatians, however, was not part of the gospel. It confused believers and undermined the sufficiency of Christ's saving work. Any message that shifts the focus away from the cross, or adds human effort as a basis of salvation, empties the gospel of its power.

Because the gospel must not be altered. Paul declares with unmistakable clarity: "Even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!" (v.8). He repeats it again in verse 9, underscoring the seriousness of the warning. The gospel once delivered is perfect and complete. No preacher, no teacher, no spiritual voice (*human or otherwise*) has the authority to revise it. The apostles and prophets of the first century were inspired and authorized to record God's Word. What we have in the New Testament is the full and final revelation of that gospel. It does not need to be updated, supplemented, or improved. It needs to be believed, obeyed, and faithfully proclaimed.

Faithfulness to Christ will not always win human approval. The temptation to soften truth, or to avoid difficult teachings is real. The servant of Christ must choose obedience over popularity. All that the apostles taught is part of the gospel. We must not take away from it, nor add to it. To do so is to risk losing the very message that saves.

Today, the forms of distortion may look different, but the danger remains the same. Voices still call for adjustments, additions, and reinterpretations to make the gospel more appealing or more comfortable. But truth does not change with culture. The same gospel that called the Galatians is the gospel that calls us - a message of Christ's finished work, received in faith, and lived out in loving obedience.

Prayerfully consider: Are there subtle ways you may be tempted to reshape God's Word to fit personal preference or cultural pressure? How can you deepen your trust in the sufficiency and completeness of the gospel as it has been revealed? In what ways can you guard your heart and mind against teachings that add to or take away from Christ's work? How can you live this week with a renewed commitment to please God above all else, faithfully holding to His truth with both conviction and grace?

Weekly Memory Verse:

"For am I now seeking the favor of people, or of God?
Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to
please people, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ."

Galatians 1:10

Weekly Affirmation:

**OBEDIENCE OVER
COMFORT!**

APRIL 2026 GROWTH GOALS

- Read the Book of Galatians
- Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- Watch the Bible Project video on Galatians
- Invite at least one person to Sunday assembly.
(available on the website).