

GALATIANS 1:6-10 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GOSPEL REVISION IS GOSPEL REVERSAL - ([SERMON MP3](#))

The Greek word in (Gal. 1:6) for “deserting” means “to transfer one’s allegiance.” It is used for soldiers in the army who revolt or desert and those who change sides in politics or philosophy.



● How is it appropriate for the Galatians as they are described here?

● What would spiritual desertion look like today?

The false teachers were trying to “pervert” the gospel (Gal. 1:7), or according to the Greek, completely “reverse” the meaning of the gospel. The Galatians were forsaking the gospel of grace for a gospel of works. Fill in the chart below contrasting these two ways of thinking as you understand them. Use other texts of scripture to support your conclusions if you can. What is the danger of mixing grace with works?



Grace	Works

Galatians 1:8-9 tells us that we are to judge the teacher by the gospel and not judge the gospel by the teacher.



● Why is this distinction important?

● Why do you think Paul adds his “disclaimer” in (Gal. 1:10)?

● Who do you know who is being swayed by false teaching, and how can you help that person?

The popular view is that there are many ways to God and that the gospel changes with the changing years. How could you argue against that using Paul’s perspective in (Gal. 1:6-10)?



Read 2Cor. 11:3-4 and describe what Paul meant by a “different gospel.” How does that text correlate with Gal. 1:6-10? What is the simple true gospel? Why do so many people find it hard to accept this?



Characteristics of “different gospel”	
Characteristics of the simple true gospel	

The gospel message cannot be changed without being lost. It’s like a vacuum, as soon as you let air into a vacuum, it is no vacuum at all.



● What does Paul say about any change to the gospel message in (Gal. 1:6-7)? Why do you think this is the case?

● What is Paul’s attitude to those who pervert the gospel (Gal. 1:8-9)? Do you think Paul’s language here is justified? Why or why not?

- *How much do you care when you hear someone changing the gospel message? Why do we sometimes not react to false gospels in the same way as Paul did?*
- *Why will understanding the true gospel produce anger at false “gospels?”*
- *How important is gospel truth to you? How is this shown in your life?*

In Galatians 1:8-9, Paul warns against false teachers. Take some time to look up the following passages and write down some observations about false teachers. Why is it so important that we are able to identify false teachers? What's at stake in the matter?



- 2 Cor. 11:3-4 _____
- 1 Tim. 4:1-2 _____
- 2Cor. 11:14-15 _____
- Acts 13:7-10 _____
- Matt. 24:24 _____
- 1 Tim. 1:20 _____

DIG DEEPER (FOR EXTRA PERSONAL STUDY)

Read (2Thess. 2:13-14; 2Tim. 1:8-9). What do these passages say about the “call of God?” Why is this concept important for those who are tempted to turn away from grace and trust in works?

In Paul's letter to the church at Rome, he expounds on many of the same theological issues as in Galatians. Read (Rom. 3:19-28) for more insight about works and grace. How does the Romans passage address the same problem facing the churches at Galatia? Draw some correlations in the space below.

Using blueletterbible.org, do a word study on each of the following terms from our text. What kind of additional insights can you glean to share with the group?

- “disserting” (v. 6) _____
- “different” (v. 6) _____
- “distort” (v. 7) _____
- “trouble” (v. 7) _____
- “accursed” (v. 8) _____
- “approval” (v. 10) _____
- “please” (v. 10) _____

Points of Prayer – Take some time to pray about what you have learned this week in Galatians.

- Thank God for appointing apostles in the founding of the church to preach and defend the gospel. Thank him for rescuing his people from their sins through the death of his Son, and raising him from the dead to prove forgiveness is available.
- Ask God to deepen your love and passion for the gospel. Ask him to help you recognize false, reversed gospels, and to have the wisdom to know how to respond. Pray for opportunities to share the true gospel with others this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS