

“No Other Gospel”
Galatians 1:1-10
6/25/23
Message 1

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “No Other Gospel”

- **Introduction To the Book of Galatians**

- **Author**

- The Apostle Paul!

- **Date**

- It All depends on who you ask!!

- A.D. 49 – A.D. 58
 - An approximate date of A.D. 50 is often given.

- Some say before / Some say after

- The before Jerusalem Council of Acts 15
 - Briefly Explain

Acts 15:1–2 (NKJV)

1 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”

2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

Acts 15:19–20 (NKJV)

19 Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God,

20 but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.

- **Theme**

- **Central theme of Galatians (like that of Romans)**

- SALVATION / JUSTIFICATION by FAITH & GRACE Alone

- **Comparisons to the Book of Romans**

- Romans & Galatians are Very Similar
- **The inability of the law to justify (Gal. 2:16 - Rom. 3:20)**

Galatians 2:16 (NKJV)

16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Romans 3:20 (NKJV)

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

- **The believer's deadness to the law (Gal. 2:19 - Rom. 7:4)**

Galatians 2:19 (NKJV)

19 For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

Romans 7:4 (NKJV)

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

- **The believer's crucifixion with Christ (Gal. 2:20 - Rom. 6:6)**

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

Romans 6:6 (NKJV)

6 *knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*

- **Abraham's justification by faith (Gal. 3:6 - Rom. 4:3)**

Galatians 3:6 (NKJV)

6 *just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."*

Romans 4:3 (NKJV)

3 *For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."*

- **That believers are Abraham's spiritual children (Gal. 3:7 - Rom. 4:10-11)**

Galatians 3:7 (NKJV)

7 *Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.*

Romans 4:10–11 (NKJV)

10 *How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised.*

11 *And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, **that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also,***

- **The law does not salvation but God's wrath (Gal. 3:10 - Rom. 4:15)**

Galatians 3:10 (NKJV)

10 *For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."*

Romans 4:15 (NKJV)

15 *because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.*

- **That the just shall live by faith (Gal 3:11 - Rom. 1:17)**

Galatians 3:11 (NKJV)

11 *But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”*

Romans 1:17 (NKJV)

17 *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”*

- **That believers are spiritually baptized into Christ (3:27; cf. Rom. 6:3)**

Galatians 3:27 (NKJV)

27 *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

Romans 6:3 (NKJV)

3 *Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?*

- **The importance of walking in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16 - Rom. 8:4)**

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)

16 *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

Romans 8:4 (NKJV)

4 *that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

- **The warfare of the flesh against the Spirit (Gal. 5:17 - Rom. 7:23, 25)**

Galatians 5:17 (NKJV)

17 *For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*

Romans 7:23 (NKJV)

23 *But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.*

Romans 7:25 (NKJV)

25 *I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.*

- **The importance of believers bearing one another's' burdens (Gal. 6:2 - Rom. 15:1)**

Galatians 6:2 (NKJV)

2 *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

Romans 15:1 (NKJV)

1 *We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.*

○ **Purpose For Writing the Book**

▪ **To Counter Judaizers - False Teachers**

- The Judaizers wanted to add to Salvation
 - It's Great that all you Gentiles are getting saved
BUT
 - You need to add THE LAW / Circumcision to your salvation to make it real

▪ **To Defend**

- To defend the doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology)
- Salvation / Justification by FAITH & GRACE ALONE
- Nothing ELSE
- Jesus + NOTHING

▪ **To Warn**

- The churches of the dire consequences of abandoning that essential doctrine.
- **Please NOTE the tone!!!**
 - Paul has NOTHING Kind or Good to say to anyone
 - Who would Teach a Talse Gospel
 - Who would mis-lead people away from the TRUE Gospel
- *MacArthur; Galatians is the only epistle Paul wrote that does not contain a commendation for its readers—that obvious omission reflects how urgently he felt about confronting the defection and defending the essential doctrine of justification.*
- **Written To “?”**
 - **A LOT of confusion in regards to this**
 - You can read nauseam about this debate
 - **In SHORT**
 - Instead of writing a letter to a specific church in a specific city
 - It Was written to the churches of a specific region!
 - The Area known as Galatia
 - It would be like Paul was writing the all the churches in Northern California
 - **The people of Galatia**
 - Were of the Gallic stock from Gaul

- The area around France
- They had marched from the Rhine to Greece
- There into Asia Minor (modern Turkey) about 277 BC
- Their state became known as Galatia.
- They learned the Greek language
- But retained in part their old tongue and the traits of their race.
- Caesar - Describes them as restless and unpredictable!

- **Paul Missionary Journey**

- First Missionary Journey
 - Visited “Southern Galatia”
 - When he visited Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe
 - (Acts 13:1–14:28)
- Second & Third Missionary Journey
 - He went through “Northern Galatia”
 - (Acts 16:6) & (Acts 18:23).

- **Please NOTE General information**

- Galatians played such a key role in the REFORMATION
 - It was called “The cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation.”
- Reason

- The emphasis on salvation by grace through faith alone
- Luther was especially attached to Galatians
 - He referred to it as his wife.
 - He lectured on the book extensively and his Commentary on Galatians was widely read by the common people.

• **Now This Morning 3 Very Important Truths about NO OTHER GOSPEL**

- The **Call** Of The Apostle Paul vs. 1-5
- Paul's **Confrontation** to The False Teachers vs. 6-7
- Paul's **Condemnation** of the False Teacher vs. 8-10

The Call Of The Apostle Paul vs. 1-5

• **First: The Calling Of The Apostle Paul v. 1**

- **1st The SOURCE - Was NOT from men**

Galatians 1:1 (NKJV)

1 Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),

▪ **Paul, an Apostle:**

- This emphasis is VERY IMPORTANT
 - Paul had STRONG WORDS for these Galatians & Judaizers
- The Galatians needed to respect God's AUTHORITY
 - Paul expected that Christians would respect his authority as an apostle of Jesus Christ.

▪ **Lesson**

- Paul's Apostleship Disputed - Through Out History
 - From the beginning
 - He wasn't part of the original group, etc...
 - We Don't Like what he has to say
 - Paul ran up against opposition from the beginning
 - So of course the Judaizers we challenge Paul
 - Sadly - Even today
 - Many are attempted to discredit Paul
 - WHY?!
 - Because what he writes is so against the flesh
 - They need to find a way to get rid of his teachings
- We will look at his calling from Jesus
 - A Little Today but more next week
- We MUST Respect
 - Paul's authority as an Apostle.
 - We do this by regarding this ancient letter as the Word of God, and by taking it seriously to heart.
- **2nd The SELECTION - Was through God the Father and the Resurrected Lord**

Galatians 1:1 (NKJV)

1 Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),

- **Was not from man, nor was it through man.**
 - It didn't originate with man
 - Didn't come through man.
- **It originated with God and came directly from God.**
 - The Damascus Road. Acts 9:3-7

Acts 9:3–7 (NKJV)

3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?*”

5 And he said, “**Who are You, Lord?**” Then the Lord said, “*I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.*”

6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, “**Lord, what do You want me to do?**” Then the Lord said to him, “*Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.*”

7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

• **Second: The Churches Of Galatia v. 2**

Galatians 1:2 (NKJV)

2 and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

- **ALL the brethren who are with me**
 - These brethren joined in appealing to the Galatians
 - To hold on to the truth of the gospel.
 - It's as if Paul is rallying the troops
 - All the TRUE Bible believing MEN out there let stand up for what is right!

- *MacDonald; “This Letter to the churches of Galatia shows a deliberate lack of warmth. Ordinarily Paul addressed believers as “the church of God,” “saints,” or “the faithful in Christ Jesus.” He often expressed thanks for the Christians, or praise for their virtues. Frequently he mentioned individuals by name. But there is none of that here. The seriousness of the error in the Galatian churches caused him to be stern and cool toward them.”*

- **2nd To the churches of Galatia:**

- Again - The Churches of the region of Galatia

- **Third: The Context vs. 3-5**

- **1st Grace to you and Peace v. 3**

Galatians 1:3 (NKJV)

3 *Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,*

- **This was Paul’s Familiar Greeting**

- Drawing from the traditional greetings in both Greek culture (Grace) and Jewish culture (Peace)
- Paul used this exact phrase 5 other times in the New Testament.

- **Grace –**

- Greek: Charis –
- Meaning:
 - That which affords joy, pleasure, delight; it is what is given to us, not what is earned by us.
 - It is God’s “Unmerited Favor”.
 - God’s - Riches - At - Christ - Expense

- NOTE – Paul An Apostle of Grace

- Paul used the word grace more than 100 times in his writings.
- Among all the other writers of the New Testament
- It is only used 55 times.
- Paul was truly the apostle of grace.

- **Peace**

- Greek: Eirēnē
- Hebrew: Shalom
- Meaning: peace, harmony, tranquility; in certain contexts seen in the OT concept of the Shalom, i.e., welfare, health

- **Lesson**

- We Can't have PEACE with God until we KNOW the GRACE of God

- **2nd Who gave Himself for our sins v. 4a**

Galatians 1:4 (NKJV)

4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

- **For Our Sins**

- The first thing he wrote about Jesus!
 - How He gave Himself for our SINS
 - Paul is hitting this false teaching right between the eyes

- Mincing no words
- Jumps right into – the Salvation we have
- TO COUNTER the Legalist

▪ **Jesus GAVE**

John 3:16 (NKJV)

16 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

- Jesus gave Himself for our sins.
 - This is why Jesus had to give Himself.
 - Our sins put us on a road to ruin and destruction
 - Our Sins – Separated us from God
- *Spurgeon;*
 - *He gave Himself for our what? our sins!*
 - *Not for our virtues, but for our sins.*
 - *Not for our efficiencies, but for our deficiencies.*
 - *Not for our wealth, but for our lack.*
 - *Not for what we have, but for what we have not.*
 - *It's not what we can boast of, but what we mourn over that qualifies us to receive the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- Jesus did all this While we were Still Sinners

Romans 5:8 (NKJV)

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- **3rd That He might deliver us from this present evil age v. 4b**

Galatians 1:4 (NKJV)

4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

- **To save them from our Sins and from this Present EVIL AGE**

- The idea behind the word DELIVER
 - Is not deliverance from the **Presence** of something,
 - But deliverance from the **Power** of something
 - We will not be delivered from the presence of this present evil age until we go to be with Jesus.
 - But we can experience deliverance from the power of this present evil age right now.

- **He didn't deliver us to be Our Own, but to be His & His alone!**

- This present evil age whispers – LIVE FOR SELF
 - Yet - The worse bondage is living for yourself, & yielding to the desires of the old nature.
- The believer is delivered from
 - From the Evil One

Matthew 6:13 (NKJV)

13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

- From the Power of Darkness

Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

- From the Wreath to Come

1 Thessalonians 1:10 (NKJV)

10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- From Death itself

2 Corinthians 1:10 (NKJV)

10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,

- **4th According to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever vs. 4c-5**

Galatians 1:4–5 (NKJV)

4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, **according to the will of our God and Father,**
5 to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

▪ **According to the will of our God and Father.**

- This places the credit where it belongs - GOD
- Not at the work of mans hands
- Not in man's puny efforts, but rather in the sovereign will of God.
- It emphasizes that Christ is God's way of salvation and that there is no other
- SALVATION IS ALL A WORK OF GOD

- **5th Lesson**

- **False doctrine was a real problem among the Galatian churches**

- Their false doctrines robbed God of the Glory DUE to Him.
- By emphasizing the rightly recognized glory of God and His plan
- Paul hoped to put them on the right path.

- **The Gospel Is be presented Right OUT front**

- The Simplicity of What Jesus Did

1 Corinthians 15:1–5 (NKJV)

1 *Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,*

2 *by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.*

3 *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,*

4 *and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,*

5 *and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.*

- Gospel = good news, what good news?

- First the bad news.

- Were ALL Sinners (Rom. 3:23)

- Wages of Sin = DEATH (Rom. 6:23)

- Good News

- But God demonstrates His own love toward us (Rom. 5:8)

- For God So Loved (John 3:16)

- Receive Him as LORD and Savior (John 1:12)
 - It is ALL a work Of Grace (Eph. 2:8)
 - Our salvation is totally God's work.
- **Simplicity - Of the Churches Mission**
 - **1st The Churches Mission**
 - First what it is NOT - It is NOT to
 - Not to Entertain
 - Not To Meet every felt / worldly need
 - Not a social club
 - Not a social justice force
 - Not Marketing grown
 - Not a Stage Presentation
 - Not a place to Preach a message that will Focus on SELF
 - 2nd The Church is
 - The Body of Christ
 - It's Mission
 - Make Disciples (Matthew 28)
 - How (Acts2)
 - **2nd The Calling of a Pastor**
 - PREACH ALL THE WORD (2 Timothy 4:1–5)

- CONTEND for the Faith (Jude 3)
- ENCOURAGE / SHEPHERD (1 Peter 5:1-3)
- WARN (Ezekiel 33)
 - Watch Man on the Wall
 - If a PASTOR FAILS the Blood is on his head
 - Turn To Acts 20

Acts 20:26–31 (NKJV)

26 *Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.*
27 *For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.*
28 *Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*
29 *For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.*
30 *Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.*
31 *Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.*

Acts 20:24 (NKJV)

24 *But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

Paul's Confrontation To The False Teachers vs. 6-7

- **First: They Were Abandoning Sound Doctrine "turning away so soon" v. 6a**

Galatians 1:6 (NKJV)

6 **I marvel that you are turning away so soon** from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

- **Marvel**

- Greek: thaumazō
- Means: be amazed, be in wonder, be astonished, be surprised
- *Strauss, L; "It is indeed a thing to be marveled at that one who has tasted the good word and the grace of God could be led off into erroneous teaching that can never satisfy the human heart."*

○ **Turning Away –**

- Greek: Metatithemi –
- Means: To transpose (two things, one of which is put in place of the other); to transfer; to change; to fall away or desert from one person or thing to another; lit. - "You were in one place, and now you're in another"

○ **Away So SOON**

- This Greek word can mean either "easily" or "quickly" and sometimes both.
- No doubt both senses characterized the Galatians' response to the false teachers' heretical doctrines

○ **Paul Amazed**

- NOT so much that they were turning away
 - This would alarm him, but not amaze him
 - But that they were turning away so soon.
- Paul confronts the Galatians at once on their eagerness to turn from GRACE to False Teaching

• **Second: They Were Accepting False Doctrine "to a different gospel" vs. 6b-7**

- **1st From Him who called you in the grace of Christ v. 6b**

Galatians 1:6 (NKJV)

6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

- **They were turning away from a Person**
 - From The Lord Jesus - Who called them!
 - To turn away from the true gospel is always to turn away from the Person of Jesus Christ.
- **Grace**
 - Paul is using GRACE – to make an impact
 - The Judaizers are legalist
 - The opposite of GRACE
- **Why do people choose Legalism over Grace?**
 - Legalism is more Appealing to OUR flesh
 - The Flesh
 - Wants to EARN something
 - Wants to believe that there is goon in me
 - Faith in Christ requires
 - Repentance & Humility
 - AKA
 - If faith can be reduced to regulations
 - I can feel good about my accomplishments.

- Since Christ did it all
 - This is hard on my ego!
- Legalism is more Natural!
 - Most of our human experiences says
 - You get what you work for!
 - Nothing is free in this world!
- Legalism is more Manageable!
 - It is easier to do certain well-defined duties
 - Then exercise a life-changing faith.
- Legalism appears to be – More - Safe!
 - Freedom is dangerous
 - Leaving matters up to the Holy Spirit and the individual's Convictions
 - To our flesh seems crazy
 - We shout out give me a list of requirements
- Legalists are right in that Control is needed.
 - They are wrong about where the control must come from!
 - Outward Restrictions
 - Are ineffective in creating moral living!
 - Inward Convictions

- Come from being empowered by the H.S.

▪ **TRUE CHANGE IN A PERSON'S LIFE COMES FROM THE INSIDE OUT - NOT FROM THE OUTSIDE IN**

○ **2nd To A Different gospel - Which is v. 6c-7a**

Galatians 1:6–7 (NKJV)

6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,
7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

▪ **To a Different gospel!**

- These Judaizers were preaching another message than what Paul preached!
- Paul Preached GRACE
- Judaizers Preached Works
- Paul wrote to the Corinthians and warned them about people who preach about another “Jesus” (2 Corinthians 11:4)

▪ **Which is not another:**

- 1st It was an illegitimate gospel (which is not another)
- 2nd It was not good at all but trouble (who trouble you).
- 3rd It was a distortion of the true gospel (pervert the gospel of Christ).

○ **3rd There are some who trouble you v. 7b**

Galatians 1:7 (NKJV)

*7 which is not another; **but there are some who trouble you** and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.*

- Those who brought this gospel brought them trouble.
- They didn't advertise their message as trouble, but that is what it was.
- False gospels don't just happen.
- People bring them, and the people who bring them may be sincere and have a lot of charisma!
- They Bring Trouble!!!!

- **Show PICS**

- False Teachers are Like Drug Dealers
- J.C Ryle Quote

- **4th To pervert the gospel of Christ v. 7c**

- **How they Start**

- A perversion or a distortion of the true gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - It doesn't start from nothing and make up a new name for God and pretending to have a new Savior.
 - It used the names and ideas familiar to the Galatian Christians
 - But it slightly twisted the ideas to make their message all the more deceptive.

- **Show Pic** - Spurgeon Quote

- **Lessons**

- Groups may use the same words and talk about Jesus
 - But their “Jesus” is not the Jesus of the Bible.
 - Which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.
 - Examples
 - “Mormon Jesus”
 - One of many “gods”, Jesus was the half-brother to Lucifer.
 - “Jehovah’s Witness” –
 - Jesus used to be Michael the Archangel, a created being.
 - “Eastern Religion –
 - Jesus one of many enlightened ones who show us how to reach peace within ourselves, others include Krishna, Buddha, Maharishi’s, etc.
 - The “DaVinci Code”
 - Jesus – who married Mary Magdalene and had kids.
 - We don’t have a different gospel today...we have a bunch of them
 - We have the
 - Me Gospel
 - Money Gospel

- Gospel of Do
- Gospel of Anything Goes
- The Progressive Gospel

Paul's Condemnation Of the False Teacher vs. 8-10

• First: Credentials Don't Matter v. 8a

Galatians 1:8 (NKJV)

8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

- **But even if we, or an angel from heaven**
 - Paul didn't care WHO brought the false gospel.
 - Even if it were himself
 - Or an angel from heaven
 - It was to be rejected.
 - Angel from heaven – No name
 - Many Fallen Angels

• Second: Contradictions Are The Issue v. 9

Galatians 1:8–9 (NKJV)

8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

- **1st Let him be accursed**
 - Accursed –

- Greek: Anathema
- Means:
 - Something doomed to destruction without any hope of salvation.
 - Which refers to devoting someone to destruction in eternal hell (cf. Rom. 9:3; 1 Cor. 12:3; 16:22).
 - A Special place in HELL for FALSE Teachers
- **2nd Lesson**
 - God is serious about those who pervert the gospel
 - Paul repeats himself.
 - Do you think that Paul is very serious about this?
 - Do you think we ought to be serious about this as well?

• **Fourth: Paul Only Concern – PLEASE GOD v. 10**

- **1st For do I now persuade men, or God? v. 10a**

Galatians 1:10 (NKJV)

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

- **The idea is that God was his audience.**
 - When Paul spoke, he spoke first to God and not to man

Proverbs 29:25 (NKJV)

25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

- **2nd Or do I seek to please men? V. 10b**

Galatians 1:10 (NKJV)

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? **Or do I seek to please men?** For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

- Paul's first obligation was to please God and not to please men.
 - He refused to shape his message just to please his audience.
 - He was more concerned about pleasing God.
- **3rd For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ v. 10c**

Galatians 1:10 (NKJV)

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? **For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.**

- He could not direct his ministry towards pleasing men
 - And at the same time direct it towards pleasing Jesus Christ.
 - And if his concern was not first to please Jesus Christ, then he was not a bondservant of Christ.
- **Illustration**
 - Personally - This means a lot
 - I have one desire in this LIFE to please GOD
 - If my concern is to please God
 - Then man's opinions of me don't matter
 - They sway you into their false teaching or systems

Closing

- Stay in the Word –
- ALL the Word
- Stay close to Jesus