

DANGEROUS DESERTION
Paul's Urgent Warning

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Galatians 1:1-10

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Book Theme: Justification by Faith Alone

Book Theme Verse: Ga 2:16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus,

Lesson Verse: Ga 1:6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;

Theme: Paul identifies three results of the Galatians embracing the message of false teachers. The Galatians were denying the apostolic authority of Paul, deserting the God, who saved them and tolerating the distortion of the gospel of justification by faith in Christ alone.

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| I. | <u>Denial of Authority</u> | 1-5 |
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1. Paul was an apostle called, commissioned, and sent by Jesus Christ to the Gentiles
 2. Paul's apostolic authority was given to him through Jesus Christ and God the Father
 3. Paul emphasized the core of the gospel was Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection
 - a. In the resurrection: God the Father raised Jesus Christ from the dead placing His seal of approval on His Son as the complete and perfect Savior.
 - b. In the crucifixion: Jesus Christ gave His life to redeem us from our sins and to rescue us from the evil age of Satan's rule
 - c. Jesus Christ work accomplished the will of God was sufficient to redeem sinners
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| II. | <u>Desertion of God</u> | 6 |
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1. Paul is shocked by how fast the false gospel impacted the church
 2. Paul warns the Galatians that the false gospel is leading them to desert God

3. Paul indicates their defection was caused by being confused by a false gospel

III. Distorting the Gospel

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1. The Judaizers came into the church deceptively, to confuse and create instability
2. False teachers distort the gospel by denying the sufficiency of Christ's work on the cross
3. False teachers who preach a false gospel must be the object of God's righteous curse
4. Paul was a bond servant of God motivated by God's love for him to seek to please God
 - a. Seeking the favor of God instead of favor of men
 - b. Striving to please God instead of striving to please men
 - c. A bondservant of Christ instead of slave of Satan

IV. Application

1. Be aware that if you believe you will be allowed by God into heaven because you are a good person, the Bible says NO, that you are completely without ability to be good enough for God.
Ga 2:16 Mt 7:21–23
2. Be careful of allowing our own heart to rely on our own effort to make or keep us reconciled to God
Ga 2:21 Eph 2:8–9 Eph 2:10 Tt 3:8 Heb 13:16 1 Th 5:16–18
3. Be cautious of anyone who comes into our church and denies the Biblical authority that God has in His church
Ac 20:29–30 Tt 1:5–9
4. Be prepared by knowing the true gospel to refute the lies of false teachers
Ac 17:11 2 Ti 2:15
5. Be equipped to give a clear presentation of the true gospel to glorify God
2 Co 5:20 1 Pe 3:15

Col 3:23–24 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.