

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? *Galatians 1*

Big Idea: There is one Gospel: salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. We don't change the Gospel—the Gospel changes us.

1. THERE IS ONLY ONE GOSPEL *Galatians 1:3–10*

Paul warns the Galatians that a distorted Gospel is not another version of the Gospel. **There is only one Gospel because there is only one Savior.**

Key Scripture

- Acts 4:12

Remember

- There is only one Gospel.
- There is only one Savior—Jesus Christ.
- A Gospel that adds to or changes Jesus is a distorted Gospel.
- A false Gospel cannot save.

Ask Yourself

- Do I know the Gospel clearly enough to recognize when it is being distorted?
- Am I prepared to share the true Gospel with someone else?

Being close to the Gospel isn't enough. We need the Gospel.

2. THE GOSPEL IS JESUS + NOTHING *Galatians 1:3–12, 15–16*

We are sinners who cannot save ourselves. Jesus gave Himself for our sins, died in our place, and rose from the dead. Salvation is God's gift of grace, received through faith in Jesus Christ.

Key Scriptures

- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23
- Isaiah 53:4–6
- Romans 5:8
- 1 Corinthians 15:1–4
- Ephesians 2:8–9
- Romans 1:1–4

Remember

- We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone.
- Nothing needs to be added. Nothing can be added.

- Jesus is sufficient to save.
- The Gospel belongs to God, so we don't get to edit it.
- The messenger doesn't get to redefine the message.

Ask Yourself

- Am I trusting completely in what Jesus has done, or am I adding something to His finished work?
- Is God's Word defining the Gospel for me?

The Gospel judges the messenger. The messenger doesn't judge the Gospel.

3. THE TRUE GOSPEL CHANGES AND TRANSFORMS US *Galatians 1:13–24*

The Gospel Paul refused to change was the Gospel that changed him. Grace doesn't only save us—it begins transforming the way we live.

Key Scriptures

- Titus 2:11–12
- Ephesians 2:8–10
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

Remember

- We are not saved **by** good works; we are saved **for** good works.
- Grace saves us—and grace trains us.
- Our works don't produce salvation. Salvation produces fruit in us.
- Gospel transformation is not perfection—it is transformation.
- A changed life gives glory to God.

Ask Yourself

- Where is the grace of Jesus changing me?
- Does my life point people toward what Jesus has done?

We don't change the Gospel. The Gospel changes us.

HOLD FAST TO THE GOSPEL

You cannot earn what Jesus has already purchased. You cannot add to what Jesus has already finished.

You do not have to prove yourself worthy of what God gives by grace.

And remember: **Jesus is enough. His grace is enough. Rest in what He has finished.**