



Reflection Questions

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The Gospel of Grace

Galatians 1

This week, we jump into Paul's letter to the Galatians, beginning with his defense of the gospel's divine origin and his own apostolic calling.

Reflection Questions:

1. The people of Galatia still affirmed the cross and resurrection yet were deserting Christ through a distorted gospel -- what subtle distortions of the true gospel do you see most commonly accepted in your own church community or personal faith today?
2. Paul contrasts man's gospel, which glorifies human performance and tradition, with God's gospel, which glorifies Christ's performance and grace -- in what areas of your spiritual life do you find yourself drifting toward earning or meriting God's favor rather than resting in what Christ has already accomplished?
3. Paul was advancing beyond his peers in religious zeal, yet that zeal was ultimately for his own glory rather than God's -- how do you distinguish between genuine devotion to God and religious effort that is quietly serving your own reputation or identity?
4. Galatians 1:10 forces a choice between seeking the approval of men and being a servant of Christ -- where in your relationships, workplace, or social circles do you feel the greatest pressure to soften or compromise the gospel in order to be more accepted?
5. Paul's transformation on the Damascus road led him to say, in effect, that all his religious accomplishments being counted as nothing was cause for praise rather than grief -- what would it look like for you to genuinely celebrate the sufficiency of Christ's righteousness in place of your own?
6. Paul invokes a double curse on anyone, including himself or an angel, who preaches a different gospel, showing the absolute seriousness of doctrinal fidelity -- how does the church balance extending grace to those who are genuinely confused about the gospel with the firm correction Paul models in Galatians?