



Guarding the Gospel of Freedom

-- Galatians 1:1-24 --

(sermon notes for 9/26/21)

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL (vv. 1-5)

Christ came to _____ !

"...our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age...." (v. 1:3-4)

Salvation is by _____ through _____ in _____ .

"For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift -- not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do." (Eph. 2:8-10)

DISTORTIONS OF THE GOSPEL (vv. 6-10) . . .

➤ can be incredibly _____. (v. 6a)

"I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away...." (v. 6a)

"You foolish Galatians! Who has cast a spell on you...?" (3:1)

"You were running well. Who prevented you from being persuaded regarding the truth?...?" (5:7-10)

➤ can lead us away from the _____ of _____ and _____. (vv. 6b-7)

"...turning away from him who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel -- not that there is another gospel." (vv. 6b-7a)

"This matter arose because some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus in order to enslave us. But we did not give up and submit to these people for even a moment, so that the truth of the gospel would be preserved for you." (2:4-5)

"For freedom Christ set us free. Stand firm then and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery." (5:1)

➤ are _____ and must be _____ against. (vv. 8-10)

"If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, a curse be on him!" (v. 9b)

"Whoever it is that is confusing you will pay the penalty." (5:10b)

THE TRUE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM (vv. 11-24) . . .

↪ originates with _____ - not _____. (vv. 11-22)

"For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human source and I was not taught it, but it came by a revelation of Jesus Christ." (vv. 11-12)

↪ is for _____ will _____ it - _____ or _____. (v. 16)

"...so that I could preach him among the Gentiles..." (v. 16)

"When James, Cephas, and John -- those recognized as pillars acknowledged the grace that had been given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to me and Barnabas, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised." (2:9)

↪ _____ a person's _____. (vv. 23-24)

"They simply kept hearing: 'He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith he once tried to destroy.' And they glorified God because of me." (vv. 23-24)