

Sermon Guide
Book of Galatians Part 2

Big Idea: There's no such thing as a good Christian.

Galatians 1:6-24

I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a **different way** that pretends to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ. Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you. I say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed. Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant. Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to understand that the gospel message I preach is not based on mere human reasoning. I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ. You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it. I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the traditions of my ancestors. But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles. When this happened, I did not rush out to consult with any human being. Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to consult with those who were apostles before I was. Instead, I went away into Arabia, and later I returned to the city of Damascus. Then three years later I went to Jerusalem to get to know Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. The only other apostle I met at that time was James, the Lord's brother. I declare before God that what I am writing to you is not a lie. After that visit I went north into the provinces of Syria and Cilicia. And still the churches in Christ that are in Judea didn't know me personally. All they knew was that people were saying, "The one who used to persecute us is now preaching the very faith he tried to destroy!" And they praised God because of me.

Three Ways You Know You Believe the Gospel

1. You felt God call you (vs. 6)

2. Jesus was revealed to you (vs. 11-12)

3. You are being transformed (vs 13 & 23)

Discussion Questions

1. Talk about something you fell for that was "too good to be true".
2. As you are seeking Jesus, do you feel pushed or do you feel called?
3. Have you had an "aha" moment when you suddenly grasped the Gospel message?
4. What in your life is different that you believe is the result of putting your faith in Jesus?