

Sermon Guide
Book of Galatians Part 1

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

Galatians 1:1-9

This letter is from Paul, an apostle. I was not appointed by any group of people or any human authority, but by Jesus Christ himself and by God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. All the brothers and sisters here join me in sending this letter to the churches of Galatia. May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen. 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.

The gospel is the good news that your sin is worse than you believe, but God's grace is better than you deserve.

Because of your sin, someone has to pay the penalty of death and condemnation, but God loves you so much he sent his son Jesus to pay the penalty for your sin, and if you believe in Jesus, you can have eternal life. Jesus became like you so you could become like him.

The gospel says: believe in Jesus and God's love will change you.

The false gospel says: believe in Jesus, change, and God will love you

Discussion Questions

1. Talk about the "good" things that you were expected to do as a kid.
2. When in your life have you felt like you disappointed God?
3. Talk about some things you've tried to get "better at" on your own.
4. Do you struggle with the idea that you can't get good enough for God and the only requirement is believing in Jesus?