

1. What information or verses from Galatians were you familiar with heading into this series?
2. Read Galatians 1:1-5 — ***Where does the gospel come from?***
 - a. Why does it matter that the gospel isn't man-made? How does Paul summarize the true gospel in Verses 3-4?
 - b. How does the quote "You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary" challenge the way people naturally think about salvation?
3. Read Galatians 1:6-7 — ***What happens when the gospel is distorted?***
 - a. What does it mean that they were deserting God, not just changing beliefs? Why is a "different gospel" actually "no gospel at all"?
 - b. The message pointed out that distortions are usually additions to Jesus, not rejections of Jesus. Why do you think that makes false gospels more dangerous?
 - c. What are some modern examples of "Jesus + something else"? Why does a "Jesus + something else" gospel lead to confusion and anxiety instead of peace?
4. Read Galatians 1:8-9 — ***Why is a distorted gospel deadly?***
 - a. What does "being under God's curse" reveal about how seriously God takes the gospel? Why does Paul include even himself or an angel as being subject to this warning?
 - b. What voices in our culture today are possibly spreading a false gospel? Why must we evaluate the person by the gospel, and not the other way around?
 - c. How does the analogy of a fake life preserver help explain the danger of a false gospel?
5. Read Galatians 1:10 — ***Who are you trying to please?***
 - a. Why is people-pleasing incompatible with following Jesus? How does the desire for approval lead people to adjust or soften the gospel?
 - b. Which of the modern people-pleasing gospels mentioned do you see most often: "Jesus + good works," "Jesus + live however you want," or "Jesus + cultural approval"?

Next Week: Galatians 1:11-2:10

Reading Plan: Luke 14-18



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