



SUNDAY MORNING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: No Other Gospel

Passage: Galatians 1:6-10

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Introduction: The reason counterfeit money works is because it looks so much like the real thing. At a quick glance, you may never notice the difference. That's what makes a counterfeit dangerous. Sometimes we imagine that spiritual counterfeits would be easy to spot. The greatest danger is the lie that sounds almost right. That's exactly the danger Paul is confronting and goes straight to the problem. Something was happening in these churches that Paul considered so dangerous that he didn't have time for pleasantries. The gospel was at stake. Christ has accomplished the work of our salvation. The price has been paid. It is finished. Paul is going to show us how fiercely that finished work must be guarded.

I. The Gospel Can be Deserted (Verses 6-7)

Those first two words tell us exactly how Paul feels. He is stunned. Paul had personally preached the gospel to them and watched them receive it. And now, they were already being pulled away from what they had received.

The idea behind the word removed is that of changing sides or deserting one position for another. Paul is amazed not only that it was happening, but also at how quickly it was happening.



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Their departure from the gospel was personal. They weren't merely moving away from Paul's theology; they were moving away from the God who had called them by His grace.

We need to know the Bible well enough to recognize when something doesn't line up with it.

The more voices we have access to, the more important biblical discernment becomes.

II. The Gospel Cannot be Changed (Verse 7-9)

They had taken the gospel Paul preached and changed it just enough that it was no longer the gospel.

They taught these Gentile believers that faith in Christ was not enough. Their message was: Jesus is necessary, but Jesus isn't enough.

A. The Gospel of Morality

A person who has been saved ought to live differently. But being a good person is not the gospel.

If we could become good enough to make ourselves right with God, there would have been no reason for Jesus to die.

B. The Gospel of Religious Tradition

If we're not careful, we can begin measuring Christianity by all the things we do and don't do until we confuse the results of salvation with the requirements for salvation.

Religion can clean up the outside. Only Jesus can make a sinner new.



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C. The Gospel of Self-Fulfillment

The gospel doesn't begin with what Jesus can do to help me accomplish my plans. It begins with a holy God and a sinful man who desperately needs to be reconciled to Him.

Jesus didn't die simply to help me discover my best life; He died to save me from my sin and bring me back to God.

The gospel doesn't make Jesus part of my story. It brings me into His. This gospel isn't received to save; it is received to enhance.

The messenger does not determine the truth of the message; the message determines the truth of the messenger.

We are simply servants entrusted with the good news that Jesus Christ saves sinners.

Conclusion: After everything Paul has said, the question is simple: What are you trusting in for your salvation? Your morality cannot save you. Your religion cannot save you. Baptism, church membership, good works, and a Christian background cannot save you. Jesus can. That is the message of Galatians: you do not have to save yourself. Jesus took your sin, died in your place, was buried, and rose again. Salvation is found in Him alone. So strip everything else away and ask: Is Jesus Christ alone enough for you? There is no other gospel. There is no other Savior. There is nothing to add. It is finished.

