

## Galatians 1:6-9

**Main Idea** – The blended beliefs (Mormonism and Jehovah’s Witness) were founded by two single individuals claiming special revelation from God and are therefore not part of Christianity.

### A Strong Case for Your Bible

Whenever we analyze blended beliefs and the characteristics that define a cult, one cannot help but note one startling contrast – Christianity is amazingly diverse and richly documented, while remaining unified on all levels.

#### 1. The Unity of the Scriptures

- ✓ ...penned during a period of 1600 years
- ✓ ...by over forty different authors ranging from shepherds to kings
- ✓ ...in three different languages (Hebrew, Greek, Latin)
- ✓ ...on three different continents; many different cultures
- ✓ ...touching on hundreds of controversial subjects

**And yet the Bible is a unity.** There is complete harmony, which cannot be explained by coincidence or collusion. The unity of the Bible is a strong argument in favor of its divine inspiration.

**2. The testimony of Christ and the early Church.** Jesus referred to the OT Scriptures as authoritative very often. He quoted directly from the OT 81 times. Also consider that all the apostles died violent martyr’s deaths (with the exception of John who died in exile). Millions met the same fate in the name of authentic, inspired revelation from God.

**3. The witness of overwhelming ancient manuscripts, history, and archaeology.** Many documents regarded as “historically accurate” do not exist in their original form and we have little or no early copies:

- **Historical Works of Herodotus – 8 copies**
- **Historical Works of Thucydides – 8 copies**
- **Homer’s Iliad – 643 copies**
- **The Bible – 24,000+** The overwhelming majority of these copies are first-century copies (within 100 years of the events recorded).

**Perspective:** Almost everything we know about **Alexander the Great** we learn from a handful of copies written **400 years after his death**. In the case of the NT, many **early copies were written while eyewitnesses to the resurrection** were still alive (25 years or less).

### Family Night Big idea – Read Galatians 1:6-24

As culture continues to debate truth and marginalize religious doctrine, you want your children to respect the Bible. It is remarkable and remains the standard of historicity and accuracy among all ancient literature.

- **Elementary School** – Ask, “Who did Paul most want to please (v.10)? Where did Paul learn what he knew about Jesus (v.12)? What report did the people hear about Paul (v.23)?
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, “Why do you think some people try to add things to the Bible and the Gospel? What kinds of questions do you have about the Bible? What makes Christianity different from all other world religions?”

**Prayer** "Father, thank You for showing us the way by giving us both your Son Jesus, and Your Word, the Bible. Amen."

#### Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

**Velocity:** Boo Bash this Wednesday, October 25

**Gravity:** Meet today in the Community Room.

#### Today’s Songs

*God So Loved*.....We the Kingdom

*Holy Spirit*.....Kari Jobe

*Praise*.....Elevation Worship

#### Kenya Christmas

On November 5<sup>th</sup> we will give information on ways to help the children at Mission Thome this year. We will also provide information on how to communicate with your sponsored student through the mail.

#### Boo Bash

Families are invited to the Boo Bash this Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30. Costume contest registration begins at 5:30. You must be registered to enter the contest. Check out categories on the flyer in the lobby. Costume Contest begins at 6:00. Trunk or Treat follows the contest. We need people to sign up in the lobby to bring candy or prizes to hand out of their trunks. Then we will open the pancake house and other activities like Rock Climbing Wall and Nerf Wars. Come and join us for an evening of Boo Bashing!

#### Baptism

Next Baptism Sunday is October 29<sup>th</sup>.