

The Absurdity Of Christian Apostasy  
Galatians 4:8–11

**Introduction:** The universal problem with Idolatry. Romans 1:20–23

Man responds to God’s revelation of Himself by committing Idolatry. This is paganism.

Galatians 2:5,14, 16 Believers in the truth of the Gospel  
Gal.3:26 Children of God  
Galatians 4:4–6.

**Matthew 7:11** “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

Apostasy: “an act of refusing to continue to follow, obey, or recognize a religious faith.”

**Absurdity of Christian Apostasy is exposed by contrasting the privilege of knowing God with the disgrace of being a slave to false gods. Galatians 4:8–10**

*Christianity results in a transformed nature.*

*Christianity originates with the grace of God.*

**Genesis 18:19** “For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him.”

**Jeremiah 1:5** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

**Amos 3:2** “You only have I chosen among all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”

“The origin of our calling is the free election of God, which predestines us to life before we are born. On this depends our calling, our faith, our whole salvation.” Calvin

**John 6:45**

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*Paganism is foolishness*

Based upon ignorance.

Focused upon nothingness.

*Paganism is powerless and worthless.*

Only the gospel as real power.

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**1 Corinthians 1:18** For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **23** but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, **24** but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Only the gospel can provide the priceless treasure.

**2 Corinthians 8:9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

**Ephesians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

**Isaiah 9:6** For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

**2 Corinthians 9:15** Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

*Paganism is deceptive*

**1 Timothy 4:1–3** The Law used wrongly is the paganism of demons.

**The Absurdity of Christian Apostasy is exposed by showing it is complete abandonment of the gospel.**