

# The Galatian Error: How to Apply Paul's Tough Talk

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# The Summary Message of Galatians

Paul's Divinely Inspired message of freedom in Christ through God's Gospel of Grace protects the believer from the trap of legalism and enables him glorify God by standing firm in Christ (positional sanctification) and walking by means of the Spirit (experiential sanctification).

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# Gal 1:6

thaumazo

I am amazed

metatithemi

(at) how quickly you are changing



**away from** the One  
who called you in the  
sphere of the grace of  
**Christ**

kaleo

**into** a different (of  
another kind) Gospel

heteros

# Gal 1:7

heteros

into a different (of  
another kind) Gospel

allos

which is not another  
(of the same kind)

yet there are some

who are shaking you up

tarasso

and

metastrepho

wanting to alter the  
Gospel of Christ

# Gal 1v8

But if we or an angel from heaven

SHOULD evangelize

Different from that which

we evangelized you

(THEN) Let him be a curse

# Gal 1v9

Just as we have said before

And I say again now:

IF SOMEONE evangelizes you

different from that which you received with  
approval

(THEN) Let him be a curse.



# Galatians 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>“O, Foolish=non-thinking God’s thoughts Galatians!

**Who** has hypnotized **you** (so as to steal your attention away from its former focus) ?

**You** before **whose** eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as having been crucified (with ongoing results)?

<sup>2</sup>This ONLY I want to learn from you:

By means of the works of the Law  
the Spirit did you receive  
**or** by means of the hearing of faith?!

<sup>3</sup>THIS foolish are you?!

Having begun

in the sphere of the Spirit,  
are you NOW

in the sphere of the flesh  
being perfected?!

Phase 1

Phase 2

V4: Are You Sure that your  
sufferings in the past were  
incidental and not for Jesus  
Christ?!

So many things did you suffer in vain?  
If indeed *the suffering was* in vain?

V5: How does God generally work based on your experience?

Therefore, the One who supplies to you the Spirit and works deeds of power in you, *does He do it*

by means of the works of the Law

or

by means of the message heard with faith?

# The Galatian Error: Loss of Focus on the Lord Jesus Christ

# Blessing Yourself

The Choice of Distraction = Arrogance  
= Lack of faith = Self-Blessing

- Personal Relationships
- Vocation
- Property/Real Estate
- Marriage/Romance
- ?