

Spiritual Desertion

Galatians 1:6-9

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Introduction

- Are Mormons orthodox in their belief that “*All men are saved by grace alone without any act on their part*”?
 - Salvation by obedience to the law and ordinances of the gospel
 - Universal salvation—three levels of glory
- Paul laid the foundation of salvation by grace through faith plus nothing in the church of Galatia—Acts 13:38-39
- But others would build on that foundation—1 Corinthians 3:10-11

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A. Paul’s Wonder over the Galatians’ Defection—Gal. 1:6

1. His initial shock over how “soon” they had abandoned the truth
2. They were in the process of defecting—Gal. 4:9-11; 5:2
3. From what were they deserting?
 - a. They were leaving behind GOD Himself. 1:6
 - 1) The One who had “called” them to salvation.
 - 2) To embrace legalism means to reject God!”
 - b. They were leaving “the gospel of GRACE”
 - 1) Salvation by grace through faith, not works Eph. 2:8-9
 - 2) Salvation either by grace or works, not both. Rom. 11:6

B. Paul’s Wisdom regarding Deceptive Teachers—Gal. 1:6-7

1. Concerning their **Message**—1:7
 - a. “another gospel of a different kind”
 - b. Anything added to the gospel of grace causes the gospel to cease to be the gospel. It becomes “bad new”.
2. Concerning the **Messengers**—John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
 - a. Satan is the “father of lies”, thus perverting the truth.
 - b. Satan does his work through false teachers.—2 Corinthians 11:13-15
3. Concerning their **Methodology**—Galatians 1:7
 - a. They sow doubt!
 - 1) “trouble”—“to perplex the mind by suggesting doubt”
 - 2) As old as the Garden of Eden—Genesis 3:1
 - b. They pervert the gospel.
 - 1) Either by addition or subtraction
 - 2) Salvation by grace through faith plus anything else is a perversion of the gospel.

C. Paul’s Warning of Impending Judgment—Galatians 1:8-9

1. Hypothetically speaking— (1:8) and Actual Situation (1:9)
2. Jesus reserves his harshest words for the legalists of his day.