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Bible Study Series: Living by Faith – Galatians

Lesson 3. Another Gospel – Gal. 1:6-8

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- I. A Different Gospel – vs. 6
 - A. Astonished
 - B. Turning Away – sudden betrayal, abandonment
 - 1. Present tense – in progress, not completed
 - 2. So Soon – Acts 13:43, 48-49; 14:1, 11-13, 21
 - 3. From Him
 - a. He who called you – Rom. 8:30; John 1:13
 - b. Grace to works – Gal. 5:4-6
 - c. Faith in Christ to faith in self/works – Eph. 2:8-9
 - 4. To a Different Gospel – 2 Cor. 11:3-4
 - a. Another of a different kind/another of the same kind (vs. 7)
 - b. A religion of works substituted for the gospel of grace
 - c. Counterfeits that replace the gospel as central – the danger is not the outside anti-gospel, but the inside counterfeit gospel – Luther Quote #1
- II. Which is Not Another – vs. 7
 - A. There Is No Other Gospel
 - 1. If it is not the gospel of grace, it is not the gospel
 - 2. There are not various gospels, there is truth and lies
 - 3. One Gospel, One Way, One Mediator – Eph. 4:4-6; John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5
 - 4. The Gospel – 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Eph. 2:8-10; Acts 4:12
 - 5. A Mystery? – Eph. 6:19 – revealed – people could never work this out on their own
 - B. Troublemakers
 - 1. Throwing you into confusion – Stott Quote #2
 - 2. Unsettling with the promise of something better – Ryken Quote #3
 - 3. Purposeful Perversion - turning away from the truth by twisting it
- III. The Message Preached – vs. 8
 - A. The Message and the Messenger
 - 1. No matter how great or impressive the messenger, the message is more important – Phil. 1:15-18
 - 2. We Preach Christ – 1 Cor. 1:22-24; 2 Cor. 1:19; 4:5 – Bruce Quote #4
 - B. Anathema! – 2 Thess. 1:8-9;
 - 1. No gospel = no salvation
 - 2. Accursed – set aside to be delivered under divine wrath, cursed

Quotes

Luther Quote #1 – “There is a clear and present danger that the devil may take away from us the pure doctrine of faith and may substitute for it the doctrine of works and human traditions. It is very necessary then, therefore, that this doctrine of faith be continually read and heard in public.”

Stott Quote #2 – “The church’s greatest troublemakers are not those outside who oppose, ridicule, and persecute it, but those inside who try to change the gospel.”

Quotes

Ryken Quote #3 – “The teachers who were getting Paul all hot and bothered were using the same terminology that he used. They were preaching salvation in Christ. All they wanted to do was to take it a little further. Paul’s opponents were ‘Christian-Jewish’ missionaries who had come to Galatia to improve or correct Paul’s gospel and to complete his converts by integrating them fully into the heirs of Abraham through circumcision and by thus bringing them under the law.”

Bruce Quote #4 – “The gospel preached by Paul is not the true gospel because it is Paul who preaches it; it is the true gospel because the risen Christ gave it to Paul to preach.”

Cross References

Acts 13:43

43 Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

Acts 13:48-49

48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

Acts 14:1

14 Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed.

Acts 14:11-13

11 Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” 12 And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes.

Acts 14:21

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,

Romans 8:30

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

John 1:13

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Galatians 5:4-6

4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

Ephesians 4:4-6

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 Timothy 2:5

5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

15 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Acts 4:12

12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Ephesians 6:19

19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Philippians 1:15-18

15 Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: 16 The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; 17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. 18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24

22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

2 Corinthians 1:19

19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes.

2 Corinthians 4:5

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,