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Bible Study Series: Living by Faith – Galatians

Lesson 4. Persuading Men, Pleasing God – Gal. 1:9-10

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Vs. 8 – hypothetical – if anyone should preach...

Vs. 9 – actual – if anyone does preach...

- I. We've Said This Before – vs. 9
 - A. Paul's Gospel did not Change – 1 Cor. 15:1-4; 1 Peter 1:22-25
 - 1. The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matt. 24:14; Mark 1:14-15; Acts 14:7, 21
 - 2. The Gospel of Grace – Acts 20:24 – “To add keeping of the law to the gospel of grace nullifies grace.” – Morris
 - 3. The Gospel of God – Rom. 1:1; 15:16
 - 4. The Gospel of the Son – Rom. 1:9, 16
 - 5. The Gospel of Peace – Rom. 10:15
 - 6. My Gospel – Rom. 2:16; 16:25
 - 7. The Word of Truth – Eph. 1:13
 - 8. The Gospel in Power and the Holy Spirit – 1 Thess. 1:5
 - 9. Our Gospel – 2 Thess. 2:14
 - 10. The Everlasting Gospel – Rev. 14:6
 - B. Another Gospel
 - 1. Which is no gospel at all – 2 Cor. 11:4
 - 2. “That which does not teach Christ is not apostolic, even if Peter or Paul be the teachers. On the other hand, that which does teach Christ is apostolic, even if Judas, Annas, Pilate, or Herod should propound it.” – Luther
 - C. The Gospel They Received – to take to oneself, to believe – Gal. 1:11-12
 - D. Preaching Another Gospel – Anathema!
- II. A Bondservant of Christ – vs. 10
 - A. Persuading Men or God? – convince, promote a favorable response
 - 1. Persuading men – Acts 13:43; 17:4; 18:4; 26:28-29; 2 Cor. 5:11
 - 2. Convince by preaching – 2 Tim. 4:2
 - B. Pleasing Men or God? – accommodate, seek favor from – 1 Thess. 2:4-6; Col. 1:9-11
 - 1. Does anathema please men? – 2 Cor. 7:8; 10:8-11
 - 2. “This is not preaching that gains favor from men and from the world. For the world finds nothing more irritating and intolerable than hearing its wisdom, righteousness, religion, and power condemned. If we denounce men in all their efforts we encounter bitter hatred, persecution, excommunication, and execution.” - Luther
 - C. Pleasing Christ our Lord – Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:22-24; 1 Cor. 6:19-20
 - 1. Doulos – a blood bought slave
 - 2. A slave is wholly at the disposal of his Master

Cross References

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,

1 Peter 1:22-25

22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because “All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the Lord endures forever.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

Matthew 24:14

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Mark 1:14-15

14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Acts 14:7

7 And they were preaching the gospel there.

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,

Acts 20:24

24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Romans 1:1

1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

Romans 15:16

16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 1:9

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

Romans 1:16

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

Romans 10:15

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Romans 2:16

16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Romans 16:25

25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

Ephesians 1:13

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

1 Thessalonians 1:5

5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

2 Thessalonians 2:14

14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 14:6

6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

2 Corinthians 11:4

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!

Galatians 1:11-12

11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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 17:4

And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

Acts 18:4

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

Acts 26:28-29

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.” 29 And Paul said, “I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains.”

2 Corinthians 5:11

11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

2 Timothy 4:2

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

1 Thessalonians 2:4-6

4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. 5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness—God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.

Colossians 1:9-11

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

2 Corinthians 7:8

8 For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while.

2 Corinthians 10:8-11

8 For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed— 9 lest I seem to terrify you by letters. 10 “For his letters,” they say, “are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.” 11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present.

Ephesians 6:5-8

5 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; 6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

Colossians 3:22-24

22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.