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Galatians 1:1-24, Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father,

who raised him from the dead— 2 and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age,

according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.



9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received,

let him be accursed. 10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man?

If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.

12 For I did not receive it from any man,



nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism,

how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age

among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born,

and who called me by his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles,

I did not immediately consult with anyone; 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia,

and returned again to Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days.

19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. 20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)

21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22
And I was still unknown in person to the churches of
Judea that are in Christ.

23 They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

24 And they glorified God because of me.

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Big idea: Let the good news be good news every day.

Galatians 1:1, Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead...

Galatians 1:11, For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.

12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.



Galatians 1:2-5, ...And all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I Corinthians 15:1-4, Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,



4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...

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Galatians 1:6,7, I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

John 10:10,11, The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Galatians 1:8,9, But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you,

let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received,

let him be accursed.

Because of Jesus.

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Anything except Jesus alone for salvation is not just a bit off, it is a complete reversal, a perversion of the Gospel.

Galatians 1:10, For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man?

If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

1. Substituting behavior for belief.

2. Adding behavior to belief.

"It is not the level but the object of our faith that saves us."

- Tim Keller



"When I made Jesus the Savior of my soul He became the Lord of my life."

- Bert Baker



3. Trying to help God love me more.

I Timothy 4:4,5, For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

Does this help God love me more? vs.

Does this help me love God more?



4. Allowing my freedom to imprison others.

Romans 14:4, Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls.

And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

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