Gal 1:6-9
6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;
7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ.
8 But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.
9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.

“The Gospel of Christ”

Intro: The Apostle Paul instructed the elders of the church of Ephesus saying, “Be on __________ for yourselves and for all _______ __________, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "I know that after my departure savage __________ will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will __________, speaking perverse things, to __________ __________ the disciples after them. 31 "Therefore be on the alert, ...” (Acts 20:28-31a).

A. Often people are stunned by Paul’s zealous defense of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his __________ language and verbal aggressiveness toward those who refute the _______ gospel. But the God-ordained minister of the one and only __________, who understands his responsibility as given Him by Christ, will be on his guard for all the flock and he will not spare those deceptive wolves who would not spare the Lord’s church.

B. After Paul journeyed throughout southern Galatia ministering the gospel with many coming to believe in Jesus, and with many new churches being established, __________ teachers soon followed. These contradicted Paul’s apostolic authority and teaching of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, asserting that in order to be saved, ____ __________ to believing in Jesus, one must also obey the Mosaic Old Testament Law. Worse of all the new believers were accepting the contradiction.

I. The Apostle was flat out _______________ at what was taking place among the believers in Galatia.

A. The Galatians were quickly _______________ _____!

1. They were _______________ God for He called them by the grace of Christ! One cannot say to God who calls them by the _______ of His only begotten Son that they will come to Him on the basis of their works!

2. Leon Morris writes, “To _______ the keeping of the law to the gospel of God’s free grace is to __________ grace. Both cannot be true. If salvation comes by God’s free grace then it is not earned by keeping the law. If it comes by keeping the law it is not of God’s free grace.”
B. They were deserting God who called them by the grace of Christ, "______ a _______________ gospel."

1. The "different gospel" is summarized in Acts 15:1, "some men came .... teaching the brethren, ‘______________ are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.’" The different gospel message taught works righteousness whereby salvation is ___________.

2. MacArthur writes, "The most _____________ dangers to the church have never been atheism, pagan religions, or cults that openly deny Scripture, but rather supposedly Christian movements that accept so much biblical truth that their ______________ doctrines seem relatively insignificant and harmless. But a single drop of poison in a large container can makes all the water lethal. And a single false idea that in any way undercutts God’s grace ______________ the whole system of belief."

II. The different gospel the Galatians were deserting God for was ______ ________________

A. Paul told Titus about these who disturbed the church with their non-gospel saying, "For there are many ______________ men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are ______________ whole families, teaching things they should not teach, for the sake of sordid gain" (1:10-11).

B. The _____________ teachers were disturbing the church by ______________ the gospel of Christ." 1. The word distort is weak in its conveyance. The false teachers did not merely distort the gospel but they made the gospel a ______-

_____________. They were not merely corrupting the gospel but they were reversing it, truly ______________ the gospel.

C. Here then, Paul pronounced ______________ upon the false teachers. Verse 8, "But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel ______________ to that which we have preached to you, let him be _______________."

1. The word accursed is anathema and in this context means _______________ the eternal ______________ of God. Paul was saying, "Let him who preaches a non-gospel, whoever he might be, even if he is me or an angel from heaven, be devoted to eternal damnation."

Finally then: Martin Luther wrote, "... there is a clear and present _______________ that the devil may take away from us the pure doctrine of faith and may substitute for it the doctrines of ___________ and of human traditions. It is very necessary, therefore, that this doctrine of faith be continually read and heard in public.

There is but _______________! It is the Gospel of God who called you by the __________ of Christ. Let us never desert God by forsaking His gospel.

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