

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians

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Every book in the Bible, either directly or indirectly, tells you _____ it was written. Today's text in Galatians does just that as we will see the very reason for the letter. It is important to note that within the ranks of Christianity these four verses are softened up in _____ Bibles by mistranslations and rewording, or by simply avoiding these scriptures completely. It seems better in this lukewarm age to side-step this hard issue and let it go unchecked rather than hitting it head on and allowing its truth to convict hearts and transform lives. This morning as we are working through the passage remember your _____ friends and family who may have been given a false hope in religion, and as a result, will face the consequences in the future. For certain, as the Bible states, there will come a time to answer for their rejection of the gospel and to face _____ from the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

THE PEOPLE'S PROBLEM – GALATIANS 1:6-9

1. False gospel – Galatians 1:6-7a

a. The exasperation – verse 6

- The churches' desertion of God – verse 6a
- The churches' desertion of the _____ of Christ – verse 6b

b. The determination – verse 7a

- There is _____ other gospel

The plain and simple _____ – 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures...

He was buried...

He rose again the third day according to the scriptures

The response we must have when hearing the gospel – Romans 10:9-10, 13

Confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus...with the mouth confession is made unto salvation

Believe in in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead...for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness

Call upon the name of the Lord to be _____ (talk to God in prayer and receive Christ as your personal sin-bearer, asking God to save you)

Any other message is false and a clear departure from the plain and simple truth. Things that are different are _____ the same. There is no other gospel.

2. False Preachers – Galatians 1:7b-9

a. Their present identification – verse 7b

- They are troubling

- They _____ the gospel of Christ – Acts 13:10; 2 Corinthians 11:1-4, 13-15
Pervert – to alter from its original meaning and to _____ what was first intended

b. Their future judgment – verses 8-9

- They are and will be _____
Accursed – being under a _____; doomed to destruction or misery. Separated from the faithful; wicked or malignant in the extreme
- It specifically targets the false preacher and teacher – it includes false gospel messages purported by other apostles, or even an angel from heaven, or any man
They will be damned to an eternity in the flames of hell
- Some pseudo-Christian cults, churches, and organizations that preach another gospel other than what the Galatians received, other than what Paul preached:

Armstrongism – Herbert W. Armstrong and the Worldwide Church of God
Charismatic/Pentecostal Churches that teach believers get the Holy Ghost via water baptism
Children of God/The Family
Christadelphians
Christian Family Fellowship (CFF)
Christian Science
Church of Religious Science
Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, Christian Churches (Cambellites)
Harold Camping – The Family Radio and Family Ministries, Inc.
International Churches of Christ (ICOC)
Jehovah's Witnesses and Watchtower Bible and Tract Society
Mind Sciences
Mormonism – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Oneness Pentecostals - Oneness, Jesus Only
Orthodox Churches – All Eastern, Western, and Oriental
Protestant Churches that believe in baptismal regeneration and salvation by works
Roman Catholic Church
Seventh-day Adventists
Snake Handlers – Hyper-Pentecostalism
Spiritualist Churches
The Way International
The Unitarian Universalist Community
Unification Church (Moonies)
Unitarian Universalist Assoc.
Unity School of Christianity
Word Faith / Prosperity Charismatic Churches

Notes: This list represents some cults, churches, and organizations that believe works or evidences must be added to complete salvation and/or deny the deity of Jesus Christ, thus presenting another Jesus. These groups may include genuine individual believers who have been saved by grace through faith in Christ alone.

Also, there are isolated preachers among some of the above listed groups who deliver enough truth to get lost people saved, but they are the exception. The mainstream preaches a false gospel.