



October 18 & 19, 2025 | Distorted is Destroyed | Galatians 1:1-9 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

A GOSPEL GREETING

*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— 2 and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:*

<i>not</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>men</i>
<i>nor</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>man,</i>
<i>but</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>Jesus Christ</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>[through]</i>	<i>God the Father</i>

1. Paul's gospel is from God, not the usual human DITCHES.

*Galatians 1:3 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.*

2. Paul's gospel points to SONSHIP.

a. Note the repetition of "FATHER" in v. 1-4.

b. Get ready for 30 references to sonship and 26 references to faith.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Can I explain the gospel with clarity and conviction?



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A GOSPEL GRIEVING

*Galatians 1:6 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.*

1. Paul's frustration was rightly INTENSE.

a. The LIARS were loose.

<i>if we or an angel from heaven</i>	<i>should preach to you</i>	<i>a gospel contrary to the one</i>	<i>we preached to you,</i>	<i>let him be accursed.</i>
<i>If anyone</i>	<i>is preaching to you</i>	<i>a gospel contrary to the one</i>	<i>you received,</i>	<i>let him be accursed.</i>

b. The LAYMEN were listening.

2. The distorted “gospel” points to SLAVERY.

a. Note the words “contrary” and “DIFFERENT.”

b. Get ready for 32 references to law and 13 references to circumcision.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Could I detect and debunk a false gospel?

To DISTORT the gospel is
to DESTROY the gospel.

KEY THEMES IN GALATIANS

1. Gospel (15x)

1:6, 1:7, 1:8(2x), 1:9, 1:11(2x), 1:16, 1:23; 2:2, 2:5, 2:7, 2:14, 3:8, 4:13

2. Sonship (30x) - [father/son/child; adoption/inherit(ance)/heir]

1:1, 1:3, 1:4, 1:16, 2:20, 3:7, 3:18, 3:26, 3:29, 4:1(2x), 4:2, 4:3, 4:4, 4:5, 4:6(3x), 4:7(3x), 4:19, 4:22, 4:25, 4:27, 4:28, 4:30,(2x) 4:31, 5:21

*Faith/Believe (26x)

1:23, 2:7, 2:16(3x), 2:20, 3:2, 3:5, 3:6, 3:7, 3:8, 3:9, 3:11, 3:12, 3:14, 3:22(2x), 3:23(2x), 3:24, 3:25, 3:26, 5:5, 5:6, 5:22, 6:10

3. Slavery (29x) - [bondage, slave(ry), subjection, bondwoman, free(dom)]

1:10, 2:4(2x), 2:5, 3:28(2x), 4:1, 4:3, 4:7, 4:8, 4:9, 4:22(2x), 4:23(2x), 4:24, 4:25, 4:26, 4:30(3x), 4:31(2x), 5:1(3x), 5:13(3x)

*Law (32x)

2:16(3x), 2:19(2x), 2:21, 3:2, 3:5, 3:10(2x), 3:11, 3:12, 3:13, 3:17, 3:18, 3:19, 3:21(3x), 3:23, 3:24, 4:4, 4:5, 4:21(2x), 5:3, 5:4, 5:14, 5:18, 5:23, 6:2, 6:13

*Circumcision (13x)

2:3, 2:7, 2:8, 2:9, 2:12, 5:2, 5:3, 5:6, 5:11, 6:12, 6:13(2x), 6:15

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