



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 _____.

*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 _____.

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

b. Get ready for ____ references to sonship and ____ 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 _____.

a. The _____ 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 _____ were listening.

2. The distorted "gospel" points to _____.

a. Note the words "contrary" and "_____."

b. Get ready for ____ references to law and ____ references to circumcision.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Could I detect and debunk a false gospel?

To _____ the gospel is
to _____ 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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