

Galatians: Faith and Freedom
No Other Message
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Because there is n o other m e s s a g e but the gospel:

Our a u t h o r i t y to speak and the m e s s a g e we bring is not sourced in any h u m a n agency but is from G o d (1:1-2; Acts 9:3-19; 13:1-3; Heb 1:1-2)

Our message is that we are now f r e e because:

- Jesus has d i e d for our s i n s (1:3-4a; Eph 1:7; Heb 10:10)
- His death r e s c u e d us from bondage and gave us f r e e d o m (1:4b; John 8:32; Gal 5:1)
- it was God's w i l l and brings Him g l o r y (1:4-5)

Our focus must be to stand on the t r u t h of the gospel:

- It is *astounding* that anyone would t u r n a w a y from it (1:6-7; 1 Cor 15:3-5; Rom 1:16-17)
- To r e j e c t God's message is to stand under God's c o n d e m n a t i o n (1:8-9; Acts 4:8-12; John 14:6)
- Our m o t i v e is to please G o d, not m a n (1:10; 1 Cor 2:1-5)

Taking it further...

Is what we believe about Christ really that important? (vs 6-9)
Why? Why do you think Paul is so emphatic about this?

Explain the gospel in your own words (1 Cor 15:3-5; Rom 1:16-17)

What are some distortions of the gospel that are prevalent today? How would you respond to them? _____

What expectations/practices/disciplines that you place on yourself or others in order to be a "good Christian"? _____

What are two or three ways that you are tempted to please people rather than please God? How will you address that? _____
