

GOSPEL OF GRACE

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To the churches in Galatia: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Galatians 1:2-5 NIV

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. Galatians 1:6-7 NIV

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! Galatians 1:8-9 NIV

There's _____ Gospel

_____ is the Gospel

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:10 NIV

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:11-12 NIV

The Gospel is for _____

For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles... Galatians 1:13-16 NIV

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS//

- *Why did Paul write the letter of Galatians? Why is he so angry?*
- *What's the Gospel? What's Grace? Who's Grace?*
- *What makes "people pleasing" and "religion" so exhausting? Have you ever experienced that?*
- *Paul went from being a terrorist to a missionary. Is there any changes you've seen in your life since finding & following Jesus?*
- *To whom and how can you show others grace this week?*