



NO OTHER GOSPEL (Galatians 1:3-10)

THE EXTENT OF DELIVERANCE (4)

- Christ's work on the cross includes:
 - **justification** (forgiveness of our sins and deliverance from their penalty – condemnation)
(*Colossians 1:14; Romans 8:1*)
 - **sanctification** (deliverance from the power of evil that characterizes the world we live in)
(*Ephesians 2:2-3; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Colossians 1:13*)

THE ONE AND ONLY GOSPEL (6-10)

- The true gospel has its basis solely in the grace of God (6)
 - Both forgiveness (justification) and spiritual growth (sanctification) are apart from our works and are received solely by faith in Christ (*Galatians 3:2-3; Ephesians 2:8-9*)
- Any message that excludes God's grace or mingles it with man's attempts to keep rules and regulations in His own strength is "a different gospel" (i.e., no gospel at all)
(6; *2 Corinthians 11:4*)
- Anyone who perverts or changes the biblical gospel of Christ does not have God's blessing – they are accursed*
(7-10; *2 Corinthians 11:13-15*)
- The true servant of Christ holds true to God's Word, even when it is not accepted by those who hear it (10)

* Greek "anathema" = devoted to destruction

Practical Application

Christians need to prayerfully study the Word of God in order to understand what Jesus Christ accomplished for them on the cross. In particular, we need to pay special attention to the Church Epistles, where the doctrine of our salvation is developed to its greatest extent (especially Paul’s epistles to the church).

We also need to beware of those who pervert the gospel of Christ, tempting us to turn away from simple faith in Christ and the grace of God. This applies to teaching that corrupts the truth concerning the forgiveness of sins (by grace, through faith, not by works; *Ephesians 2:8-9*), as well as how to live victorious lives as Christians and grow spiritually (not I, but Christ; *Galatians 2:20*).

Ultimately, our motivation should be to please God, not people. Many are offended by the true gospel – so be it; we must not change the message of the gospel in the face of opposition or indifference.

*“He has delivered us from the power of darkness...”
(Colossians 1:13)*