

“DISTORTING THE GOSPEL OF GRACE”
GALATIANS 1:1-10
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Message #1

INTRO

1. There are some of the spiritual terrorists who assault the gospel of grace.
 - world religions
 - cults
 - new age mysticism
 - liberal Christianity
 - hyper-fundamentalism (legalism)
2. There is great danger in submitting to the persuasive power of these false teachers.
 - see the list of 48 dangerous results on the next page
3. You must know the Bible doctrine thoroughly and precisely!

MESSAGE

Spiritual terrorists always distort or deny the gospel of grace

- Get the gospel message right (1:1-5)!
 - Our Lord Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead (1-2).
 - Our Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins (3-5)
 - Every person who believes that “Jesus Christ died for my sins and Jesus Christ arose from the dead” is going to heaven (see 2:16)
- Accept no compromise in the gospel message (1:6-10)!
 - False teachers always distort or deny the gospel message (6-7).
 - False teachers will face severe judgment (8-10).

LIFE-RESPONSE

1. When you witness to people, present the gospel and ask people to respond the same way Scripture asks them to respond. Scripture asks them to (believe).
2. To present the gospel clearly and accurately, memorize these verses with their topics.
 - separated from God (Ephesians 2:1)
 - sinning daily (Romans 3:23)
 - facing judgment (Hebrews 9:27)
 - promise of eternal life (John 5:24)
 - good works don't work (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - the gospel message (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
 - must believe (John 5:24; Ephesians 2:8)

MOTTO

Scripture Alone! Grace Alone! Faith Alone! Christ Alone!

- You desert Him who called you (1:6).
- You are spiritually disturbed/unsettled (1:7)
- You lose your liberty in Christ and come into bondage (2:4).
- You yield in subjection/submission to false discipling (2:5).
- You withdraw and hold yourself aloof from fellow believers (2:13).
- You are motivated by fear (2:12).
- You are carried away by the hypocrisy of others (2:13).
- You are not straightforward about the truth of the gospel (2:14).
- You compel other believers to live like you do (2:14).
- You label other believers as sinners who do not follow you (2:17).
- You nullify the grace of God (2:21).
- You are a spiritual fool (3:1).
- You are bewitched (3:1).
- You are seeking spiritual maturity by a fleshly means (3:3)
- You are suffering (persecution/opposition/adversity) in vain (3:4).
- You turn back to weak and worthless things (4:9).
- You desire to be enslaved all over again (4:9).
- You observe the festivals of the Jewish calendar or so-called holy days (4:10).
- You lose your sense of God's blessing on your life (4:15).
- You treat other Christians as the enemy (4:16).
- You are trained to seek out false teachers to answer life's questions (4:17).
- You are no longer growing in Christlike character (4:19).
- You are no longer thinking clearly about sound doctrine (4:21).
- You are no longer standing firm (5:1).
- You are subject again to a yoke of slavery (5:1).
- You are not benefiting by your relationship to Christ (5:2).
- You are under obligation to keep the whole law (5:3).
- You are severed from fellowship with Christ (5:4).
- You are no longer living your life on the basis of grace (5:4).
- You are no longer running well (5:7).
- You are being hindered from obeying the truth (5:7).
- You are not being led by God (5:8).
- You are turning your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh (5:13).
- You are not serving others in love (5:14).
- You are verbally biting and devouring other believers (5:15).
- You are not walking by the Spirit (5:16).
- You are not being led by the Spirit (5:18).
- You are producing the fruit of the flesh (5:19-21).
- You are not growing the fruit of the Spirit (5:22-23).
- You have not crucified the flesh with its passions and desires (5:24).
- You are boastful, challenging and envying one another (5:26).
- You are trapped in sin (6:1).
- You are not bearing one another's burdens (6:2).
- You are self-deceived about your importance (6:3).
- You are not giving generously to the Lord's work (6:6).
- You are beginning to reap what you sowed (6:7-8).
- You have lost heart in doing good especially to God's people (6:9-10).
- You are attempting to escape persecution (6:12).