

No Other Gospel

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It is important to review the basic foundations of the gospel and to be especially careful we don't add to it or dilute it. Very subtly, and in some instance not-so-subtly, people have taken the gospel of Christ and turned it into something else. My desire for our people at IBC is that they know the basic truths of the gospel of Christ so well that when they see a false or counterfeit gospel, they can easily tell the difference.

Read Galatians 1:1-10

1. We Cannot Add to the Gospel – vs. 7

- Sometimes we think of “false teachers” as those who openly deny the gospel and teach something that is obviously false
- These people in Galatia were not openly denying the gospel, but were “improving” or adding to it subtly

2. Altering the Gospel is Serious! – vs. 8-9

- A fake gospel is dangerous
- Those who propagate a fake gospel are “accursed” or “anathema” – damned!

It is serious because...

3. We are Saved ONLY through the Gospel – vs. 4

- We believe people are free to believe what they want
- But this does not mean all beliefs are true and equal

John 14:6; Acts 4:12

4. Only the Gospel Transforms – vs. 10

Questions:

1. What are some clear ways you see that some *add* to the gospel of Christ?
2. If a co-worker or friend asked you to explain what the *gospel* is, how would you define it for them?

3. What's the danger of trying to "attract" people to the gospel? How do some try to do this?

Prayer: *"Father, thank you for the good news that is Jesus Christ. Thank you that because He died for my sins and rose again, I have forgiveness and peace with You, my Creator. Help me to have a clearer and sharper knowledge of the gospel so that I may not only be able to give a clear answer for the hope that is within me, but also that I may recognize a different gospel when I see it. I pray this in Jesus' name, amen!"*