

Faith: Trusting, Walking, Living

A Study in Ruth & Galatians

Galatians 1:6–10

Read Galatians 1:6–10.

1. Paul has hit the ground running with an urgent message about authority.
 - a. By whose authority did he become an apostle? (v.1)

 - b. Whose authority is pointedly contrasted to God's in verse 1?

2. What has astonished Paul, in a negative way? (v.6)

3. According to a careful reading of verse 6, are the Galatians turning away from a Who or a What?

4. If the "gospel" that the Galatians are turning to is not from heaven, then where is it necessarily from?

Who is the ultimate source of all religious notions that are in opposition to God's truth? (5:8; James 3:15)

5. Have the false teachers erred innocently? Are their hearts in the right place? (v.7)

What are these guys up to? (2:4; 4:17)

6. We live in an age that celebrates diversity and tolerance. What tolerance does Paul show for a “different gospel” (v.6)? (vv.7–9)
7. Paul has already tipped us off to the major issue at stake by his mention of “grace” in verse 6. He will have more to say on that. For now, give a simple definition of grace.
8. Who does Paul specifically say is disqualified as having authority to alter the God-given gospel? (vv. 8–9)
9. How does Paul’s language in verses 8 and 9 show how seriously he views any tampering with the gospel?
10. In verse 10, Paul anticipates—and denies—accusations about his own motives. What does he not care at all about?
11. Take a moment to write out, in simple language, what you think the gospel (or “good news”) is.

What do you think is at stake for you personally in getting the gospel right?

12. How is Paul’s zeal for the faithful communication of the gospel an evidence of God’s passionate love for you?