

“The Distortion of the True Gospel Brings Eternal Damnation”

Galatians 1:6-10 6/7/20

Galatians Series- Living the Gospel in the Power of the Spirit

Big Idea- Anyone (even a supernatural being) who offers a gospel that is different than the authoritative gospel given by Paul is cursed with eternal damnation. That person has deserted God Himself, distorted the true gospel, and will be given eternal damnation.

Background Texts- 1 Tim 1:20; 4:1-2; Acts 13:7-10; 2 Cor 11; Acts 15:1-21

LESSON 1- The departure from the true Gospel is a DESERTION

- A. The desertion from God is an affront to the gospel of GRACE
(Gal 1:6; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 9:11, 16, 23; Eph 1:6, 7; John 19:30)

LESSON 2- The departure from the true Gospel is a heretical DISTORTION

- A. The distortion involves any changes or addition to Jesus' SUFFICIENCY
(Gal 1:7; John 19:30; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Heb 10:14; Gal 5:2-4)

LESSON 3- The departure from the true Gospel brings DAMNATION

- A. The damnation often involves trying to please MANKIND
(Gal 1:8-10; John 5:44; 12:43; Luke 6:26; Rom 12:2)

From the Cambridge Declaration of 1996:

- 1. *Sola Scriptura: The Erosion Of Authority*** (2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:15-21; Matt 15:1-9)
*A reaffirmation that the Bible contains all things necessary to understand and obey God.
A denial that any other form of authority is needed to bind the conscience of the Christian.*
- 2. *Solus Christus: The Erosion Of Christ-Centered Faith*** (Jn 19:30; 1 Tim 2:5; Rev 1:6)
*A reaffirmation that Christ alone and his penal substitutionary atonement on the cross are the means by which all Christians are saved.
A denial that the Gospel can be preached without the atonement being declared and without faith being solicited from the listeners.*
- 3. *Sola Gratia: The Erosion Of The Gospel*** (Eph 2:1-9; John 6:37-45; Rom 3:10-11)
*A reaffirmation that salvation is a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit.
A denial that salvation is in any sense a work of the human heart, either fully or partially.*
- 4. *Sola Fide: The Erosion Of The Chief Article*** (Eph 2:8-9; Gal 3:6-9; Rom 4)
*A reaffirmation that a person is justified (declared innocent) before God through faith alone and through Christ alone - that Christ's righteousness is imputed to the Christian.
A denial that justification relies upon any human merit, and that churches which teach this cannot be considered legitimate churches.*
- 5. *Soli Deo Gloria: The Erosion Of God-Centered Worship*** (1 Cor 10:31; 1 Pet 4:11)
*A reaffirmation that salvation is ultimately for God's glory rather than man's, and that Christians everywhere should understand that they are under God's authority and act for his glory alone.
A denial that God can be glorified through "entertainment"-style worship; the removal of law and/or gospel in preaching; and preaching that focuses upon self-improvement, self-esteem and self-fulfillment.*