

# “Resisting the Temptation to Abandon the Gospel”

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

**Big Idea-** The gospel that Paul preached was received directly from Jesus. Anyone, including an angel from heaven, that contradicted the gospel of grace through faith in Jesus was to be eternally condemned. The Galatians, by their own personal experience, had come to faith and received the Holy Spirit through God’s grace without following the law first.

Therefore, the rest of their spiritual life should be lived by faith and the Holy Spirit and not be rooted in OT law keeping. Paul now moves on to prove this by showing the background of God’s covenant with Abraham prior to Moses. The Law came after God’s promise to Moses and was to last **until** Jesus arrived. Everyone who expresses faith have become heirs of God’s original promise. Paul moves from biblical and logical argument to personal friendship based on integrity and mutual love. We are reminded again that we are not under the law which is a form of slavery. We are **free** children, like Isaac, through the Spirit. If you seek to trust in the law, you are cut off from Christ and salvation. We need to be aware of those that seek to hinder us from trusting in the grace of the cross.

**LESSON 1-** To stay faithful to the gospel we need to rely on biblical TRUTH

- A. The truth of the gospel is based on the facts of Holy Spirit CONVERSION (Gal 5:7; 3:2-6; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Cor 2:2; 2 Cor 11:3- simplicity!)
- B. The truth of the gospel is based on the calling of God and not US (Galatians 5:8-9; the leaven is a false gospel; 1 Cor 5:6- false living)
- C. The truth of the gospel is black/white issue and brings JUDGMENT (Galatians 5:10; 1:7-9; 2 Peter 1:1-9; Titus 1:11)
- D. The truth of the gospel by definition is offensive to human PRIDE (Gal 5:11-12; those who trust in circumcision have pagan religion!)

### ***Theological Application:***

- 1. *The gospel will always come with those that try to hinder. The world (Rom 12:2; Matt 10:34; 2 Tim 3:12), the flesh (emotion based; autonomy), and the devil (has God really said? – doubt, discouragement, despair, lies; **RELIGION**).*
- 2. *We should always remind ourselves that we don’t follow the gospel because it is socially profitable, makes us feel better, hedging our bets, but because it’s true.*
- 3. *The gospel by its very definition is offensive. Why? 1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

***Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciple***