

The Gospel
Galatians 1:1-10
Message Notes by Pastor Josh Smith on 10/4/20

1. The gospel is mainly about _____.

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel...” -Galatians 1:6 (NIV)

2. Any other gospel is _____.

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one, we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!”
-Galatians 1:6-9 (NIV)

3. Spreading the gospel means going against the _____.

“Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.”
-Galatians 1:10 (NIV)

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most in the message?
2. How would you define “the gospel of grace?”
3. In verse 3 Paul talks about both “grace and peace.” How is receiving the grace of God related to getting peace from and with God? What about the gospel gives you the most peace?

4. What is the biggest barrier that keeps you from receiving God's grace?
5. Out of the three garbage gospels: the works gospel, the prosperity gospel, and the social gospel, which one have you heard of the most and which one is most tempting for you believe?
6. Why do you think it is so hard to "go against the grain" by spreading the gospel today? Who is someone you need to share the gospel with?

Resources for Going Deeper:

- *Martin Luther's Commentary on Galatians* by Martin Luther
- *Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller
- *The Explicit Gospel* by Matt Chandler
- Article by Joe Carter: Survey: Majority of American Christians Don't Believe the Gospel: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/survey-a-majority-of-american-christians-dont-believe-the-gospel/>