

ANOTHER GOSPEL

Paul rebuked the Galatians for turning away from Christ to follow another gospel (**Galatians 1:6-9**). Paul went on to say that it is not another gospel at all. The false teachers were troubling the saints in Galatia by perverting, or corrupting, the gospel of Christ.

When somebody makes changes to the gospel of Christ, the result is no longer the gospel of Christ. It is not the same gospel. It is a different gospel. But it is not another gospel *of Christ*. Any other message is not from God. This is why Paul said that “another” (different) gospel is not another “gospel” (equally authoritative message of salvation from God).

Since any other gospel is not from God, any person bringing another gospel is accursed. Paul said that even if he returned and preached a different gospel than he already gave them, then he would be accursed. Even if an angel from heaven brought a different message of salvation, the angel would be accursed.

This is because of the eternal consequences involved. The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation (**Romans 1:16**). There is only one faith (**Ephesians 4:5**), and it has already been delivered to us once for all time (**Jude 3**). Any other message will deceive people into believing something other than the gospel that can save them. The consequences will be eternal condemnation for those who believe the lie.

If we need to be sure about anything in life, then this is it. We cannot afford to put our trust in what some man says about the plan of salvation. We need to make sure that we know God’s plan of salvation, since He is the only one who can save us. We must believe in His word and not let any person change the gospel ever so slightly.

God tells us to make our calling and election sure (**2 Peter 1:10**). He has given His word so that we know that we have eternal life (**1 John 5:11**). He wants us to know the truth and freed by it (**John 8:32**). He warns us not to believe anything else, and He warns those who are teaching anything else that they are also in danger.

We have a responsibility to “test all things” (**1 Thessalonians 5:21**) and hold on to the good. We must also spot false teachers and refuse them (**2 John 9-11**).