

Home Group Notes 1

Galatians 1:1-12 Deserting the Gospel

Introduction

Paul is astonished. It is probably less than three years since the Christian gospel had been planted in Galatia, and already they have made up their own version of the good news. Paul's astonishment spawns impassioned pleading as he tries to warn them of great danger.

1. What makes you surprised or disappointed?
2. **Read vv.1-2.** How does Paul describe himself?
3. In vv.1-2 & 11-12, which of these is Paul saying?
 - nobody sent me to say these things
 - I received these things from Jesus
 - I always trust Bible teachers
 - I'm writing on behalf of a lot of people
 - I'm writing to a lot of people
4. Verses 1-5 contain the core of Paul's 'gospel' or announcement. From these verses, what is 'the gospel'?
5. Why is the gospel wonderful?
6. Verse 5 is the motivation for all that Paul does. It is also clear from v.10. How is this a challenge to us?

7. **Read vv.6-7.**
What does Paul say about any change to the gospel message? Why is the case, do you think?
8. **Read vv.8-9.**
What is Paul's attitude to those who 'pervert' the gospel?
Why would such people need to know they receive the opposite of blessing from God?
9. Why do you sometimes not react to false gospels in the same way as Paul did?
 - you don't spot the dangers
 - you have a consumer choice mentality
 - you are careless in sharing the gospel
 - you are too nice
 - you care more what others think of you
 - something else
10. When did the Galatians hear the real 'gospel of Christ?' (cf. Acts 16v.6)
How do v.1 and vv.11-12 give us confidence that this gospel is the true gospel?

Prayer Points

Thank the Lord for the gospel and what he has done

Ask the Lord to deepen your love and passion for the gospel

Pray for opportunity to share the gospel this week and to invite guests to the Les Mis guest service on Sunday 22nd Sept

Pray for mercy and awakening for those who have received a perversion of the gospel

Pray for the needy people of Egypt and Syria

Pray for our brothers and sisters in NW Argentina