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Galatians 5:1



RETURNING TO THE GOOD STORY

THE GOSPEL = GOD'S GOOD STORY

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel —
⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.
⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!
⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned! ¹⁰ Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:6-10

WHY WOULD WE LIVE IN ANY OTHER STORY?

THEMES IN GALATIANS

- *Faith and Law*
- *Identity from Nonentity* (somebody regarded as unimportant, powerless, or insignificant)
- *Freedom or Slavery*
- *Spirit vs. Flesh*

WHAT COUNTS...

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.
¹⁵ Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. ¹⁶ Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.

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