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Topic: Studies in Galatians - The Divine Gospel

Text: Galatians 1:11-12

1. We live in a world that is filled with bad news. But the Bible speaks of a good news. It is a good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose three days later. He is the Redeemer who can save us from eternal condemnation. Those who believe in Jesus will be found in Heaven after passing from this world. In verse 11, the definite article is used before the word "Gospel" to show us that there is only one way of salvation.
2. The Gospel is not by man, but by God (v11). The works of man are like filthy rags in the sight of God. There is nothing that man can do to save himself. There are many new forms of Christianity which have risen in today's world. These false teachers say that good works are essential for salvation.
3. Since the Gospel is by God, it is not pleasing to man and will be offensive. The fundamental basis of the Gospel is the that all men are sinners. Do not try to sugar coat man's worth because all glory must belong to God alone. Even though the Gospel is offensive, it should not be declared in an offensive manner. It should be done in a spirit which seeks to reach out to men (1 Cor 10:33). This means giving up of personal rights and feelings in order that others will come to hear the Gospel.
4. The Gospel is received of God (v12). Apostle Paul was taught the good news of Christ directly from Jesus. Paul then passed this message on to others. He would never move one bit away from the Gospel to accept the teachings of the Judaizers. We are also a recipient of this Gospel through the Bible. It is now a high calling for us to spread the good news of salvation.

*Don't give up sharing the Gospel because salvation is of the Lord*