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Topic: Studies in Galatians - False Gospel Condemned!

Text: Galatians 1:6-9

1. No church will be spared from the attack of the Gospel. Paul did not expect that the Galatian church would so quickly be removed from the pure Gospel. To be removed is to desert your place of duty. Although the majority of the Galatian Christians were true believers, Paul was shocked at how they were suddenly led away by false doctrines. At one moment, they have grasped the meaning of the Gospel, but the next moment, they were seduced by the Judaisers.
2. The Judaisers appeared to be pious and said that they loved Jesus Christ. But they taught that in order to be forgiven from your sins, it is not enough to believe in the redemptive work of Christ alone. Circumcision is necessary. This is a deviant teaching which is faith + works = salvation. It is not the true Gospel, which is salvation by faith alone.
3. The Gospel propagated by the Judaisers is another Gospel of a different kind. It is not a fresh perspective, but a corruption. Paul warned them not to fall into such deception. Do not think of learning something fresh from the Bible is always good. It can be false teachings that kill you spiritually. One example is the health and wealth Gospel which distorts what the Bible teaches. Another less obvious example is Christians serving in many areas and comparing themselves with others, thinking that it gives them an entrance to Heaven.
4. The one who teaches a false Gospel is accursed. This is the highest condemnation because he sends souls directly to hell by his false teaching. If we are not careful, we will end up being deceived like the Galatian Christians. Therefore, we ought to be gripped by the true gospel and never let it go.

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