

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

A HILL WORTH DYING ON

Pastor Roger Poupart // Galatians 1:1-10

PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! 10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.



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REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

- What are you most looking forward to this upcoming fall?

- What is the best news you've received recently, and how did it change your outlook?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

- 01. Paul began his letter by calling himself an apostle, not but by human appointment, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father. Paul greeted the Galatians with a blessing of grace and peace and reminded them of Christ's work on their behalf (v.1-5).**
 - Take note of how Paul introduced himself in verse 1. Why do you think he made it a point to affirm where his apostleship came from? In other words, why was it important for the Galatians to understand the source of his authority?

GROW IN THE WORD

- In verse 4, Paul said that Jesus rescues us “from this present evil age.” What did he mean? How is the truth about Jesus good news for today? See Romans 8:5-8, Colossians 1:13, Galatians 5:1.

- In verses 3-5, Paul gave a brief explanation of the gospel. How would you define the essential components of the gospel message?

02. Paul expressed shock at how quickly the Galatians were deserting the true gospel for another, distorted version of the gospel. He firmly warned them against following any gospel that departed from the one he preached. Paul made it clear his aim was directed at pleasing God, not people (v. 6-10).

- Paul was severe in his rebuke of the Galatians. What was it about the Galatians behavior that was so appalling to him?

GROW IN THE WORD

- Paul was “amazed” that the Galatians had so quickly abandoned a grace-based gospel for a “distorted” version. Why is grace so central to the good news about Jesus? See Ephesians 2:8-9 and Titus 3:5-7.

- What are different gospels we are tempted to believe personally, in our church, and in our society? How can we be sure that we aren’t led astray by different gospels?

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, September 15 | 12:15 pm

Members are invited to attend our annual meeting where we will vote on the proposed 2024-25 budget, elder nominees, and the proposed amendment to one of the sections of the Bylaws. You can view more information online or in our mobile app.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

September - November | Men & Women

Join us as we study Galatians together this fall! We have groups for men and women and would love to have you join us in community as we deepen our walk with God. Learn more about group times and locations online or on our mobile app and register today!