

Deserting Freedom Galatians 1:6-10

Understand the problem of deserting Jesus who rescued you.

Galatians 1:6-7a *"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another..."*

- Some leave the grace of Jesus for "another gospel."
The true gospel is... 1 Corinthians 15:1-5 *"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel ..."*
- Know the difference of the True Gospel vs. the False Gospel or "another gospel."

Understand the results of leaving the true gospel of the grace of Christ.

Galatians 1:7b *"...only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ."*

- We become disturbed in a variety of ways.
John 5:7, 11:33 · John 14:1, 27 · Luke 24:38
- We become misled by a distortion of the gospel.
2 Corinthians 11:3 · Galatians 3:3

What must we do to avoid such a desertion from the grace of Christ?

- We must recognize and reject the false teaching of "another gospel."
Galatians 1:8-9 *"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!"*
- We must grow as bondservants of Christ rather than trying to just please people.
Galatians 1:10 *"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."*
1 Peter 2:16 · 2 Peter 2:19 · 1 Corinthians 7:22

LifeGroup Discussion:

Paul is warning us of the problem of deserting the grace of Christ by believing in “another gospel.” He has just written about the great “rescue” for each of us and yet some still are deserting Christ. This is hard to fathom.

One of the problems people have today is a failure to know and appreciate the grace of Christ. Below are some verses that teach us aspects of that grace. Along with the points on the front of this outline, reflect on these verses and how you can grow in the grace of Christ and avoid the works-oriented gospel of gaining favor with God.

- **2 Corinthians 12:8-9** - Why is God’s grace sufficient for you?
- **Romans 3:20-24** - How bad is the problem of sin and how does the grace of Christ help?
- **John 1:14** - As you know Christ better, what will you see that He is full of?
- **Ephesians 4:7** - What is given to each of us when saved?
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** - What role do faith and grace play in our salvation?
- **Hebrews 4:16** - When you pray to Christ, what will He offer you from His throne?
- **1 Peter 4:10** - What should we do with the grace given to each of us?
- **James 4:6** - To whom does God give grace?
- **Titus 2:11** - What happens when God’s grace appears?
- **Acts 15:11** - How are all people saved regardless of their culture, ethnicity or religion?

Next Steps:

1. **Respond to the good news of Jesus Christ.** Come to the Prayer Points or find any leader at Calvary Church to pray with you about taking a next step toward surrendering to Jesus and living for His Kingdom.
2. **Jesus rescues many of us out of some difficult life circumstances.** Calvary’s Care Ministries have various ways for you to experience spiritual, mental and emotional healing. Learn more at calvarylife.org/care
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