

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Bad News About the Good News!" (Part 2)

Key Verse: Galatians 1:6-10

INTRODUCTION: A quote from Rescuing the Gospel. A book written by Dr. Erwin Lutzer in 2016 about the significance of and the 500<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation:

"Christianity can survive without the gospel.

Let me clarify. There is a form of Christianity that developed in medieval times that has survived to this day without the gospel.

It is, of course, a powerless Christianity that cannot give people the assurance of salvation, nor does it lead to lives of holiness—  
but it is still called *Christianity*.

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## UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

1. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ his amazement (vss. 6, 7)
  - A. They were deserting the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - B. They were deserting the very \_\_\_\_\_ of grace.
  - C. They were \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel of God.
  - D. The Galatians were troubled, perplexed, confused.
  
2. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ his adversaries (vss. 9-10)
  - A. By the false \_\_\_\_\_ they preached (vss. 8-10)  
'Why did he feel so strongly and use such drastic language?'
    - 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ was at stake.
    - 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of men's souls was also at stake.

B. By the false \_\_\_\_\_ they practiced (vs. 10)

## APPLYING THE PASSAGE

1. No one's immune to the temptation to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.

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In Galatians 5:11 Paul refers to the "offense of the cross." Why is the preaching of the cross offensive?

A. It offends our \_\_\_\_\_.

B. It offends our \_\_\_\_\_.

C. It offends our \_\_\_\_\_.

2. There's only one gospel & it's worth a vigorous defense (Jude 3-4).

How can we recognize the true gospel?

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel (what it is).

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel (where it comes from).

3. What about \_\_\_\_\_ and the gospel? In what are \_\_\_\_\_ depending on to get you to heaven?