



## STUDY GUIDE 2—GALATIANS 1:6-9

For Sermon on September 16, 2018

We know that we have only been saved through God's grace. We really do know that—in our minds and our hearts. Saved by grace alone because of Christ's redeeming sacrifice on the cross. We know that we can't earn salvation and that our works don't save us. What we do does not earn God's favor. Yes, we know that but we sometimes live as if what we do can elevate our standing in God's eyes. We are just as prone to legalism as the Galatians were. We are just as prone to add to the gospel. How can we embrace the gospel in its purity and not fall into believing distortions of the gospel?

### ***The Departure (Galatians 1:6-7a)***

1. What was amazing—and distressing—to Paul?
2. What might a "turning away from the gospel" look like today?
3. When someone turns from the gospel, what are they turning from?
4. What is true of the gospel as presented in Scripture? (John 3:16; 14:6; Romans 3:23; 5:1,8; 6:23; 8:1; 10:13; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 2:1-9)

**APPLY**→ How did you come to faith in Christ? What led you to embrace the gospel in your own life?

### ***The Distortion (Galatians 1:7b)***

5. How can we be prepared to detect distortions to the gospel?
6. Contradictions to Scripture are sometimes easier to detect than distortions. What are some distortions of the gospel?
7. How is a distortion really a reversal of the truth of the gospel?

**APPLY**→ How are you tempted to turn from the gospel in your own life? What are you inclined to add to the gospel?

### ***The Warning (Galatians 1:8-9)***

8. How would you rate the intensity of Paul's warning to the Galatians?
9. How does his intensity compare to your own emotions when you hear someone say something about the gospel that is contrary to Scripture?

**APPLY**→ Are you committed to believe and hold to the true gospel with the same kind of intensity as Paul? If you were to believe and live with that kind of intensity, how might that change your interactions with people who do not yet believe? How might that change your interactions with those who don't embrace the gospel in all its purity?