

## Galatians 1:6-10

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.”

God’s word makes a very clear and pointed statement in this passage: any distortion of the one and only gospel of Jesus Christ will bring on the wrath of God!

The gospel is defined specifically in I Corinthians 15:1-8 as the death, burial, resurrection, and appearance of Jesus Christ.

In the Galatian region of that day, the gospel message was being perverted by Judizers, who were insisting on parts of the Old Testament Law be required for salvation under the new covenant.

In Galatians 1:8, Paul under the inspiration of the Holy

Spirit writes, “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!” The word “accursed” here is the Greek word anathema. This is the strongest word of condemnation available to God in the Greek language.

Then, to make sure the reader truly understands the significance of keeping the gospel untainted, God has Paul repeat His warning: “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!” (Galatians 1:9)

Obviously God is extremely concerned about His gospel remaining exactly as He has stated it in His word. Any distortions, additions, or deletions to God’s message of the gospel of Jesus Christ will bring down His fierce wrath. James 3:1 follows this admonition, stating, “Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment.”

The gospel of Jesus Christ must be preached “*verbatim*,” that is word for word from the Scriptures. God will not allow any variation from what has been written. Only the one and only gospel of the New Testament will carry the power of God unto salvation.

For my part, I am eager to preach the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to anyone and everyone!