



Bible Study Questions

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Introduction to Galatians: The Letter to the Galatians is one of the apostle Paul's most grittiest and combative letters in the New Testament. It was written to the churches in Galatia, a region in modern-day Turkey. Paul wrote this letter to address issues concerning the gospel and to counter false teachings that were leading the Galatian believers astray. A central theme is the concept of justification by faith, not by works of the law. Paul emphasizes that salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

The Gospel—Nothing More, Nothing Less (Galatians 1:1-10)

People have a tendency to alter the gospel—adding extra requirements or softening its message. However, Paul is adamant that the gospel of Christ must remain unchanged.

Paul's Concern (vv. 6-7)

Paul expresses deep concern for the Galatian believers:

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— which is really no gospel at all." (Galatians 1:6-7)

The Galatians had received salvation as a gift—grace through faith in Christ alone. Yet, they were now turning back to something that would enslave them under the burden of works again.

Discussion Questions:

- What are some modern-day examples of ways people distort the gospel?
- Have you ever felt pressure to add extra requirements to your faith? How did you respond?

The Danger of False Gospels (vv. 8-9)

Paul issues a strong warning:

"But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!" (v. 8)

Paul emphasizes that any message that distorts the gospel is dangerous.

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Paul speaks so strongly about false gospels?
- How can we ensure that we are not influenced by distorted teachings?

Seeking God's Approval (v. 10)

Paul challenges the Galatians with an important question:

“Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.” (v. 10)

Paul reminds us that we must choose whose approval we seek—God's or the world's. Following Christ requires standing firm in truth, even when it is unpopular.

- If we follow Jesus, we must sometimes say **no** to things the world accepts.
 - We may have to take stands that are difficult or countercultural.
 - We must rely on grace rather than performance.

Discussion Questions:

- Are there areas in your life where you struggle with seeking approval from others rather than God?
 - How can we encourage one another to stand firm in our faith?