



GALATIANS

grace changes everything

Sermon Questions

Date: *September 10, 2023* | Scripture: *Galatians 1:1-9*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. Describe the tone of the start of this letter to the Galatians. How would you describe Paul's writing here?
3. How would you feel if you were the recipient of this letter?
4. What is Paul so fired up about? Where have the Galatians gone wrong? Why is this a big deal?
5. In reality, we all are guilty of deserting the gospel so this letter *is* written to us. In what ways do you find yourself pursuing a different gospel?
6. What is the picture Paul paints of the true gospel in this opening passage?
7. How would you describe the gospel in your own words? What is your understanding of the gospel?

Inward Grace in Action

In Christ, God cannot love you more and will not love you less. So often, we desert the gospel by making one of two mistakes. We either believe that God might love us less if we don't measure up to God's ethical standard (and feel shame when we fall short) or we think that God might love us more if we can be a little more disciplined with our obedience (and feel pride when we meet those self-imposed metrics).

Christianity is not all about being a good person, it is primarily about being a grateful person. The gospel is about what God has done for you, not what you can do for God.

- Which error do you tend toward? Are you more prone to fearing God could love you less when you fail or swelling with pride at the thought that God might love you more if you did a little more for him?
- What does that look like for you in real life?

ACTION: This sermon series is all about contending for the heart of the gospel and having it take deep root in our lives. Take some time this week to read the whole book of Galatians—in one sitting, if possible. Write a one-paragraph summary of the gospel Paul preaches. Pray to God that he might give you deeper levels of knowledge, believe, and appreciation for that gospel.