

Galatians 1 - Discerning Truth from a Lie

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Galatians 1:1-10

- 1 PAUL, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)
- 2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:
- 3 Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:
- 5 To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
- 6 **I MARVEL THAT YE ARE SO SOON REMOVED (to transfer, exchange, change sides, pervert) FROM HIM THAT CALLED YOU INTO THE GRACE OF CHRIST UNTO ANOTHER GOSPEL:**

TO BE REMOVED FROM THE TRUTH IS TO BE REMOVED FROM CHRIST.

1 Timothy 4:1

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall DEPART FROM THE FAITH, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

YOU CANNOT KNOW THE ONE WHO IS TRUTH BY BELIEVING A LIE.

John 14:6

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, THE TRUTH, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

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- 7 **WHICH IS NOT ANOTHER; BUT THERE BE SOME THAT TROUBLE (disturb, agitate, disquiet, commotion) YOU, AND WOULD PERVERT (to turn, distort, corrupt) THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.**

THE BEST COUNTERFEIT HAS TO CONTAIN TRUTH, OR ELSE IT LOSES ALL POWERS OF SEDUCTION AND DECEPTION.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, TRANSFORMING THEMSELVES into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Romans 16:17-18

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences **CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE** which ye have learned; and **AVOID THEM.**

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by **GOOD WORDS** and **FAIR SPEECHES** deceive the hearts of the simple.

LOSS OF PEACE, SPIRITUAL AGITATION AND CONFUSION IS A SURE SIGN OF FALSE DOCTRINE.

1 John 2:26-27

26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and **YE NEED NOT THAT ANY MAN TEACH YOU**: but as the **SAME ANOINTING TEACHETH YOU OF ALL THINGS**, and **IS TRUTH**, and **IS NO LIE**, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

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8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **LET HIM BE ACCURSED.**

ACCURSED - (*anathema*) - without hope of redemption, doomed to destruction, cursed

Matthew 16:6-12

6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the **DOCTRINE** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Matthew 23:13

"But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for **YE SHUT UP THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AGAINST MEN**: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."

Matthew 23:33

"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, **HOW CAN YE ESCAPE THE DAMNATION OF HELL?**"

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9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, **LET HIM BE ACCURSED.**

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? **FOR IF I YET PLEASED MEN, I SHOULD NOT BE THE SERVANT OF CHRIST.**

HOW TO DISCERN THE TRUTH FROM A LIE:

1. IS IT GOD'S MESSAGE AND GOD'S MISSION, OR MAN'S MESSAGE AND MAN'S MISSION WITH SOME SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES?

2 Corinthians 4:2-5

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, **NOR HANDLING THE WORD OF GOD DECEITFULLY**; but **BY MANIFESTATION OF THE TRUTH COMMENDING OURSELVES TO EVERY MAN'S CONSCIENCE IN THE SIGHT OF GOD**.

5 **FOR WE PREACH NOT OURSELVES, BUT CHRIST JESUS THE LORD**; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

A man is using the Word of God deceitfully when he uses Scripture to preach his vision, his message, his mission, his methods and his agenda rather than God's.

A man is using the Word of God deceitfully when he doesn't allow the Truth to be the Truth but he slants or twists the Truth to his personal advantage.

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, **CAME NOT WITH EXCELLENCY OF SPEECH OR OF WISDOM, DECLARING UNTO YOU THE TESTIMONY OF GOD**.

2 **FOR I DETERMINED NOT TO KNOW ANY THING AMONG YOU, SAVE JESUS CHRIST, AND HIM CRUCIFIED**.

John 8:3-11

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 **NOW MOSES IN THE LAW COMMANDED US, THAT SUCH SHOULD BE STONED: BUT WHAT SAYEST THOU?**

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **NEITHER DO I CONDEMN THEE: GO, AND SIN NO MORE**.

2. DOES THE MESSAGE FOCUS ON THE PRIORITIES AND EMPHASIS OF THE BIBLE, OR DOES IT FOCUS ON THE OBSCURE?

Matthew 23:23–24

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and **HAVE OMITTED THE WEIGHTIER MATTERS OF THE LAW**, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24 **YE BLIND GUIDES, WHICH STRAIN AT A GNAT, AND SWALLOW A CAMEL.**

The obscure has a romantic appeal of belonging only to the elite; only the special, only the holy, only a few, truly gifted and truly spiritual understand the obscure.

3. DOES THE MESSAGE PRESENT THE BIBLICAL BALANCE OF TRUTH, OR DOES IT EXAGGERATE ONE PRINCIPLE TO THE NEGLECT OF ANOTHER?

1 Corinthians 2:13

"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; **COMPARING** (to combine and compare) **SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL.**"

1 Corinthians 2:13 NAS

"which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, **COMBINING SPIRITUAL THOUGHTS WITH SPIRITUAL WORDS.**"

Examples:

Proverbs 26:4–5

4 **ANSWER NOT** a fool according to his folly, Lest thou also be like unto him.

5 **ANSWER** a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own conceit.

Hebrews 13:17

"**OBEY THEM THAT HAVE THE RULE OVER YOU**, and **SUBMIT YOURSELVES**: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

2 Corinthians 1:24

"**NOT FOR THAT WE HAVE DOMINION OVER YOUR FAITH**, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."

1 Peter 5:2–3

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 **NEITHER AS BEING LORDS OVER GOD'S HERITAGE**, but **BEING ENSAMPLES** to the flock.

4. **DOES THE MESSAGE SET GOD'S PEOPLE FREE TO SERVE JESUS, OR DOES IT BRING THEM INTO THE BONDAGE OF MEN?**

Matthew 21:12-13

12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and **CAST OUT ALL THEM** that sold and bought in the temple, and **OVERTHREW THE TABLES OF THE MONEYCHANGERS**, and **THE SEATS OF THEM THAT SOLD DOVES**,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Men love and become addicted to the euphoria of control. Control over other people is the highest flattery to one's ego, as well as being the best protection over one's personal interests.

Matthew 23:1-5

1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

4 For **THEY BIND HEAVY BURDENS** and **GRIEVOUS TO BE BORNE**, and **LAY THEM ON MEN'S SHOULDERS**; but **THEY THEMSELVES WILL NOT MOVE THEM** with one of their fingers.

5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

5. **DOES THE MESSAGE REPLACE JESUS OR HIS LORDSHIP IN YOUR LIFE?**

Colossians 2:16-19

16 **LET NO MAN THEREFORE JUDGE YOU** in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

18 **LET NO MAN BEGUILE YOU OF YOUR REWARD** IN A **VOLUNTARY HUMILITY** and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 And **NOT HOLDING THE HEAD**, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

One of man's messages, man's missions and man's methods is to keep you dependent upon him (the man), instead of building your dependency on Jesus. This dependency builds his ego, his control and his agenda, not God's.

Hebrews 8:10-11

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And **THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERY MAN HIS NEIGHBOUR, AND EVERY MAN HIS BROTHER, SAYING, KNOW THE LORD: FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST.**

6. **DOES IT BRING GLORY TO GOD, OR GLORY TO A MAN OR MINISTRY?**

1 Corinthians 2:3-5

3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And **MY SPEECH AND MY PREACHING WAS NOT WITH ENTICING WORDS OF MAN'S WISDOM, BUT IN DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT AND OF POWER:**

5 **THAT YOUR FAITH SHOULD NOT STAND IN THE WISDOM OF MEN, BUT IN THE POWER OF GOD.**

When involved in any church or ministry, stand back from the projected image and ask the question, "What is the UNDERCURRENT, glory to God or glory to a man or ministry?"

Galatians 6:12-13

12 **AS MANY AS DESIRE TO MAKE A FAIR SHEW IN THE FLESH, THEY CONSTRAIN (to force, compel, drive to. necessitate) YOU to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.**

13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but **DESIRE TO HAVE YOU CIRCUMCISED, THAT THEY MAY GLORY IN YOUR FLESH.**

7. **DOES THE MESSAGE REQUIRE HOLINESS, OR DOES IT EXCUSE SIN?**

Jude 1:3-4

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that **YE SHOULD EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH** which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **TURNING THE GRACE OF OUR GOD INTO LASCIVIOUSNESS,** and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

*One of the hallmarks of false doctrine is that is EXCUSES sin. **TRUTH** requires us to live as servants ready for the Lord's appearing.*

2 Peter 2:1-4

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in **DAMNABLE (utter destruction, ruin) HERESIES,** even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And **MANY SHALL FOLLOW THEIR PERNICIOUS WAYS;** by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

2 Peter 2:1-4 NAS

2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

2 Peter 2:1-4 ESV

2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.