



**Title** | No Other Gospel  
**Series** | Witness For the Defense  
**Text** | Galatians 1:1-9  
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# Sermon Notes

1:1-9 <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle – not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead – <sup>2</sup> and all the brothers who are with me, to the churches of Galatia: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> Who gave Himself for our sins, to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup> to Whom be glory forever and ever, amen. <sup>6</sup> I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting Him Who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – <sup>7</sup> not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we, or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. *ESV*

## Big Idea:

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**Galatians 1:9: As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. *ESV***

## For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Right up front, Paul tells the Galatians that they are, “deserting” the True Gospel of Faith for a false gospel of faith plus works. We saw that this word is equivalent to being called a turncoat or a traitor. Why would Paul say adding works to their faith is a betrayal of the True Gospel?

Tuesday:

In defending the True Gospel of Faith, Paul asserts that there is a difference in *quality* between the True Gospel he preaches and the false gospel preached by the false teachers. What would be the distinguishing characteristic of a superior gospel?

Wednesday:

Paul goes on to state that the difference in quality between his True Gospel and the false gospel is so great, that the false gospel is not really a gospel at all. What would be the distinguishing characteristic of a True Gospel?

Thursday:

Peace vs agitation. Here in his opening statement, Paul contrasts the peace found in the True Gospel of Faith with the great agitation of the false gospel. What is the source of the peace found in the True Gospel? What is the source of the agitation found in the false gospel?

Friday:

Verses 8 and 9 pronounce a very strong condemnation for those who preach a false gospel. Paul says they are to be, “accursed.” The Greek word, anathema, means to condemn to destruction. It also carries the idea that a false teacher should be excommunicated. Paul even pronounces this sentence on himself should he ever abandon the True Gospel. What does this tell us about how God views the concept of adding works to our faith?

### **Daily Prayer:**

**Father, thank you for providing such clear testimony that it is not works that You require, but simple faith on our part to receive the salvation from the penalty of sin You offer us. May we always remain clear and steadfast in our belief that it is Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone that saves us. Amen**