

Title: Fake News

Text: Galatians 1:1–10

Target: There is only one true gospel—everything else is a counterfeit.

1. **The Source of the Gospel: From God, Not Man**

a. Sent by God: *“Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—”* (Vs. 1)

b. Saved by Grace: *“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,”* (Vs. 3)

c. Salvation Guaranteed: *“who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,”* (Vs. 4)

Question: *Why is it important that Paul emphasizes his apostleship as “not from men but through Jesus Christ”?*

Question: *How does the fact that salvation is guaranteed by God’s will (v.4) give us security today?*

Question: *In what ways do we sometimes rely more on people’s words than on God’s Word?*

2. **The Shift from the Gospel: No Other Gospel**

a. Walked Away: *“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—”* (Vs.6)

b. Watered Down: *“not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.”* (Vs. 7)

Question: *Paul says he’s “astonished” that they turned to a different gospel so quickly (v.6). Why do you think people are drawn to distorted gospels?*

Question: *What are some modern “watered down” versions of the gospel you’ve seen or heard?*

Question: *How can we guard ourselves and our families from falling into counterfeit gospels?*

3. **The Seriousness of the Gospel: No Edits or Alterations**

a. Strong Warning: *“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.”* (Vs. 8)

b. Specific Judgement: *“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.”* (Vs. 9)

Question: Paul uses strong language (“let him be accursed”) twice (vv. 8–9). Why do you think he is so firm about protecting the gospel?

Question: How do we balance standing firm in truth while still showing grace to those who are confused or misled?

Question: Have you ever been challenged to compromise the gospel message to make it more “acceptable”? How did you respond?

4. **The Supremacy of the Gospel: Live for “Well Done”**

a. **Seek God’s Approval:** “For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man?” (Vs. 10a)

b. **Serve Christ Alone:** “If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.” (Vs. 10b)

Question: What does it mean to seek God’s approval over man’s approval (v.10)? Where do you personally wrestle with this tension?

Question: How can living as a servant of Christ shape our daily decisions and relationships?

Question: What practical step can you take this week to live for God’s “well done” instead of man’s applause?

Takeaway: The real gospel does not change, YOU DO!

Where do you sense God calling you to change in response to His unchanging truth?