



Paul's Epistle to Galatia

Galatians 1: 6-7 - Defection: It's Nature

- Overview – context, context, content
 - Context – audience, purpose, platform, time, location, cultural factors
 - Content – information, substance, communication, text, images, videos, audio, impact – core message

The Introduction Chapter 1:1-10

Paul's Defense of His Apostleship Chapters 1&2

Paul Defends Justification By Faith Alone Chapters 3&4

Paul's Call to Liberty Chapters 5&6

Conclusion Chapter 6:11-18



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- Salutation:
 - Who was Paul and was he alone?
 - Why is Paul called an apostle?
 - Who is the audience?
 - How important are, and from whom do grace and peace arise?
 - What will of the Father was intended and for what outcome?



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- *Galatians 1:6,7 (NKJ) - I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you **in** the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.*
- *ILG – I wonder that thus quickly you are removing from the(one) having called **by** (the)grace of Christ to another gospel, which not, is another; only some there are troubling you and wishing to pervert the gospel of Christ.*



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- Constable – ‘In every one of his canonical epistles Paul commended his readers before launching into the main subject of his letter regardless of his general purpose in writing. Here he recorded no such praise.’
- This *marvel (amazement)* suggests more was expected, *i.e.*, this is the same expression that Jesus described when He found the unbelief of the so-called prophets in the synagogues in Nazareth.



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- *Mark 6:6 - And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.*
- Paul clearly expected more, and his disappointment was reflected later in Galatians.
 - *Gal 4:19 - My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,*
- Which do you prefer, *turning away, removing* or perhaps as the NAS states, *deserting Him?*



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- And notice what/who they are *turning away* from – present middle/passive – is this influence of others?



- And does *quickly* indicate *soon (time)*– JFB, or *rapidity* – Wuest?
- What does Paul mean by *another* or *different gospel*?



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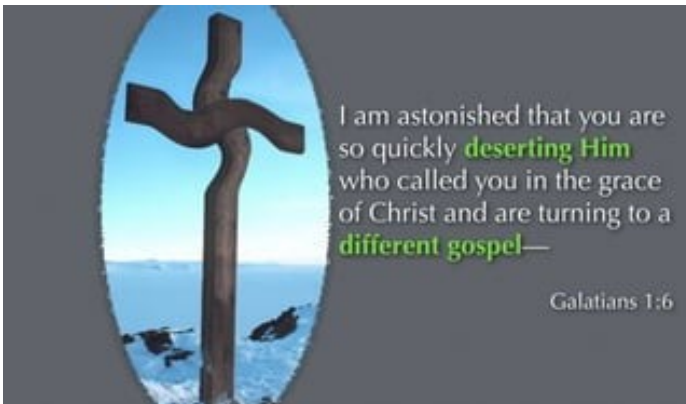
- Greek term is *heteros* – which can refer to quantity (number) or quality - and here it is *of a different kind* – which can imply good vs. evil.
- *allos* also means another but of the same kind
- This misdirection of interpretation in the Galatian churches will continue to be emphasized throughout the epistle.
 - *Gal 5:4 - You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.*



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- Let's not forget how Paul began the letter!
 - *Gal 1:3,4 - Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins,*
- And another similar reference
 - *2 Cor 11:4 - For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!*

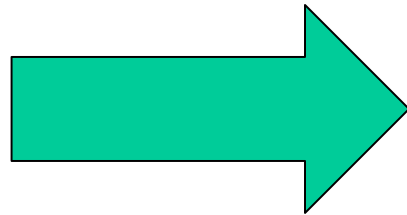




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- Because *gospel* means good news, how could *another gospel* not be bad news?
 - Remember, good vs. evil.

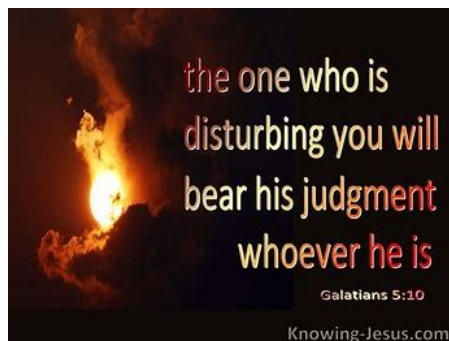




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- Doesn't Paul seem to contradict himself when he states in verse 7 - '*no not another*'?
 - No, here he is emphasizing there is really but *one* Gospel, and no *other* gospel.
 - And don't let anyone *trouble you* in this way!
 - *Gal 5:10 – I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.*





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- *those that trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ*
 - *trouble* – *tarasso*, which means to disturb mentally, and this is present tense.
 - *want to pervert* – *metastrephō* which means to reverse or change to the opposite
- JFB – ‘Though acknowledging Christ, they insisted on circumcision and Jewish ordinances and professed to rest on the authority of other apostles, namely, Peter and James. But Paul recognizes no gospel, save the pure Gospel.’

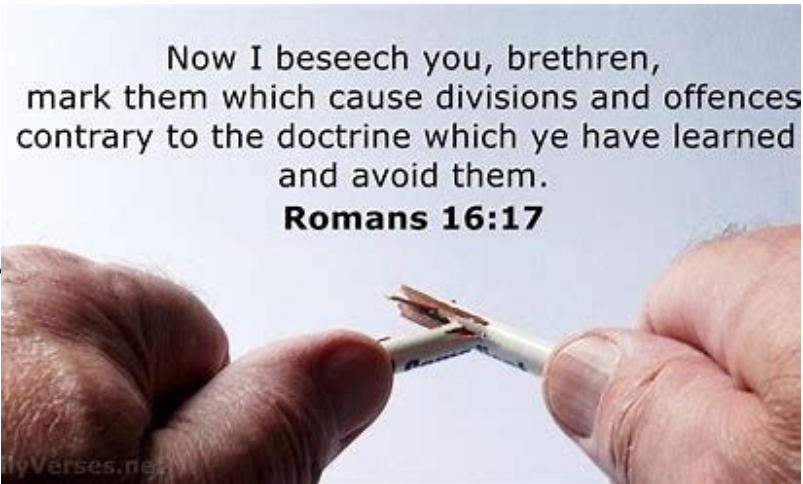


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Does this indicate that 'they' were saved and actively doing this?

But beware of these so-called Judaizers (not a biblical term).





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- And perhaps the ultimate?
 - *Jude 1:4 - For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord and our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- McCalley – ‘The defection in Galatia, then, has three aspects’.
 - First, it had a human aspect, seen in the emotional impact it had on Paul.
 - Second, it had a doctrinal aspect, proved by their failing relationship to grace and the message of the gospel.
 - Third, it had a personal aspect; they were departing from *Him.*’



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**And this is the nature of
the defection;
next week the gravity of
the defection.**