



Paul's Epistle to Galatia

Galatians 1: 8-9 - Defection: It's Gravity

- Review - *Galatians 1: 6-7 - Defection: It's Nature*
 - Paul marveled and expressed sincere disappointment in how the Galatian churches departed from his teaching, and to another gospel.
 - Doctrinally, the truth of grace had been dismissed.
 - And most importantly, this departure was from Christ *Himself*.





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- *Galatians 6:8 - But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.*
 - *But even if we (alla – strong language) is a 3rd class conditional - it didn't occur.*
 - *Why would Paul compare we to an angel from heaven?*
 - *First, who is we?*
 - *Gal 1:2 - and all the brethren (Barnabus, Silas, Tinothy) who are with me,....*



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- Second, why does Paul bring up an *angel* (*aggelos* here a *messenger*) *from heaven*?
- Angels are referenced in many ways scripturally.

- Seraphim (*Isa. 6:2*)
- Cherubim (*Ezek. 10:1-3*)
- Ministering spirits (*Gal 1:8, Heb. 1:13*)
- Sons of God (*Job 1:6; Luke 12:8*)
- Sons of the mighty (*Psalms 89:6*)
- Heavenly host (*Psalms 148:2; 1 Kings 22:19*)
- Holy ones (*Psalms 89:5*)
- Holy watchers (*Daniel 4:13*)
- Rulers (*Daniel 10:13*)
- Heavenly beings (*Psalms 20:1*)



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- Here, because angels are an authority that is the highest possible next to that of God, Christ and the HS; and are often used to exaggerate a point.
 - *Gal 4;14 - And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, **but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.***
- Angels are beings made by God before our world was created and render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation.
 - *Hab 1:14 - Are they not all **ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?***
- Third, from where else would an *angel* come?



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- But yes, there are fallen angels. But what power has God given them?
 - *Jude 1:6 - And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;*



- But the day will come when fallen angels may exercise such power.

- *2 Thess 2:3 - Let no one deceive you by any means; for (that Day will not come) unless the falling away comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the Son of perdition*



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- Notice that such an angel who preached any other gospel would be equally *accursed* as Paul and the brethren.
- *accursed (anathema)* – one devoted to the direst woes (Strong).
 - Ultimately all unbelievers!
 - *1 Cor 16:22 - If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come (maranatha)!*
 - Do you think these Judaizers based their position on circumcision alone i.e., after the earlier teachings of Peter, or was there more?
 - But here just separated or be set apart?



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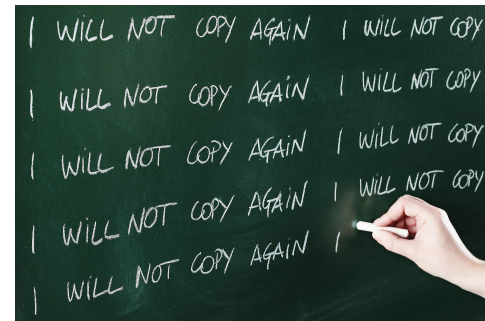
- Yet for us, and by His endless mercy, grace and love.
 - *Gal 3:13 - Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)*

» Notice – **curse of the law!**

» And God's grace is anything and everything but law.

- *Galatians 1:9 - As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.*

– Why is Paul so repetitive?





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- *Gal 5:2,3 - Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.*
- *said before – prolego* means to say before or predict (Wuest) who claims that verse 9 does not relate to 8 but refers to when he was with them.
 - 1st missionary journey.
- *If* is 1st class conditional meaning *since*.
- *preaches* – indicative mood – factual
- *received* – *paralambanō* indicates it has been appropriated to oneself.



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- Wuest translation – *Even as we have said on a previous occasion, indeed, now again I am saying, If as is the case, anyone preaches a gospel to you which goes beyond that which ye took so eagerly and hospitably to your hearts, let him be accursed.*

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