

# High Peaks Bible Fellowship

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## How to Destroy the Gospel Galatians 1:6-12

### The desertion of the Galatians (Gal 1:6a)

- Paul is utterly amazed - they defected so quickly!
- *metatithemi* (deserted, turned themselves) - this word was used for military desertion (punishable by death), for altering a treaty, for moving from the sphere of influence of one thing into another. They were removing themselves from the sphere of the gospel of grace.

### The gospel's attachment to God Himself (Gal 1:6b)

- The Galatians were not simply turning from a common opinion or even from a system of theology - they were turning away from God Himself!

### How *different* is different? (Gal 1:6c - 7a)

- There are two Greek words translated "another" and used for comparison.  
*heteros* = "another of a different kind altogether"  
*allos* = "another of the same kind"
- Paul uses both of these words here for emphasis:  
"deserting Him for a different (heteros) gospel"  
"which is not another of the same kind (allos)"

### The character of the false teachers (Gal 1:7b)

- "There are some troubling you" - *parassontes* (troublers, disturbers, unsettlers).  
This participle shows the character of the ones who were confusing the Galatians. These false teachers were habitual "troublemakers" who thrive on creating controversy.

### The destruction of the gospel (Gal 1:7c)

- The result of their activity was that the gospel was "perverted" (*metastrepsai* = to turn something into its opposite).
- The false teachers were not denying Christ, they simply wanted to add circumcision and Jewish rituals to the gospel. But law-keeping and self-effort are not just slight a contamination of a gospel that teaches salvation by God's effort alone - they actually reverse the gospel and cannot coexist with a message of salvation by God's grace apart from works.

### Paul emphasizes the *cursedness* of this action (Gal 1:8-9)

- Paul is not being redundant in these two verses.

- See the following side-by-side comparison:

<b>Verse 8</b>	<b>Verse 9</b>
But even IF	As we have before said, and now again I say, IF
we or a heavenly angel <i>should preach</i> a gospel to you	<i>anyone is preaching</i> a gospel to you
besides that which <u>we preached</u>	besides that which <u>you received</u>
let him be accursed.	let him be accursed.

### **Does this sound like man-pleasing language to you? (Gal 1:10)**

- "For" introduces Paul's explanation for such severe language - he had been accused of "man-pleasing"
- He is not trying to win them over with conciliatory words - he is being direct and honest about the truth of the gospel.

### **Paul is a CPA - "Certified Public Apostle" (Gal 1:11-12)**

- "For I make known to you, brothers" = a very strong word: "I certify to you with *certainly*"
- The gospel Paul preaches is not according to man - it is not another of the man-made religious systems.
- Paul did not receive it from a human being - no person taught him the true gospel.
- Paul received his gospel message directly through a revelation from Jesus Christ.

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