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**TEXT:** Galatians 1:6-12

**INTRODUCTION**

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In Galatians 1:6-12, Paul uses the Greek work for gospel times. The word itself means “‘ news,’ but that doesn’t really do it justice. It’s more like the announcement that war is finally over. It’s the kind of news that makes people dance in the street and hug complete strangers. It’s that good.” In fact, we could even go so far as to say, when you hear it, “if you don’t think it’s the best news you’ve ever heard, you can be absolutely certain you’ve not it.”

However, unless it’s true, unless its source is authentic, then it’s completely valueless. The label “authentic” is vitally important for all religious messages and methods that want to be labeled gospel or “good news.” If they cannot be proven to be from , then they are mere fakes, and those who profess them are frauds.

In Galatians 1:6-12, Paul proves that the source of his gospel is of God, and that ***the gospel of grace must therefore be our*** . Paul has four primary points about how the gospel is revealed to humanity generally and to individual people.

**GOD THE GOSPEL (vv. 11-12) — UNIVERSAL.**

Paul didn’t get the gospel from someone like something that might be
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The Bible clearly teaches that God mercifully believers in eternity past to be rescued, and in time He graciously them and began them to Himself (cf. Romans 8:30; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:8-9; 1 Peter 1:15). And, because God had effectively called them, these believers eventually “ ” the gospel (v. 9; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-3).

Since that’s true, we can now understand why Paul is so “astonished” that the Galatian believers were “so quickly deserting” Christ and His gospel of grace. In turning to another quote-unquote gospel, they were going to something altogether —it was no longer “good news,” but bondage!

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