



The
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GALATIANS

The Danger of an
Evolving Gospel 1:6-9

Yet I am compelled to forget my shame and be quite shameless in view of the horrible profanation and abomination which have always raged in the Church of God, and still rage to-day, against this one solid rock which we call the doctrine of justification. I mean the doctrine that we are redeemed from sin, death and the devil, and made partakers of eternal life, not by ourselves (and certainly not by our works, which are less than ourselves), but by the help of another, the only-begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:6-9 (NIV) ⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel-- ⁷ which is really no gospel at all.

Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! ⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

I. The Reality of an Evolving Gospels vs.6b-7

A. The Prosperity Gospel

"Some people come to me and say, well I came here to get some peace, not money, and I tell them, you need money otherwise you ain't gunna get no peace.". Another teaches, "If you are struggling financially, then you have not got the victory."

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B. The Partial Gospel

1 John 1:5-7 (NIV) ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

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C. The Performance Gospel

Galatians 3:1-3 (NIV) ¹ You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ² I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? ³ Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

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1 John 5:3 (NIV) This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

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D. The Tolerant Gospel

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV) ¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

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E. The Science Gospel

Job 42:2-6 (NIV) ² "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

³ You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too

wonderful for me to know. ⁴ "You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.'

⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. ⁶ Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

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F. Love Wins Gospel

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• I don't have a squeaky-clean answer to the young man who has been repulsed by the female body and attracted to the male body for as long as he can remember. He is as repulsed sexually toward women as I am repulsed sexually toward men. I don't have a super clean answer that is both morally right and compassionately empathetic

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- *I don't have a squeaky-clean answer to the married homosexual couple who comes to church and is absolutely overwhelmed by the love of Christ and desperately desires to receive His forgiving grace. These 2 women have raised 2 adopted children together for 12 years. Do we ask them to break apart their Civil Union and subject their kids to a broken home? I don't have a super clean answer that is both morally right and compassionately empathetic*

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Proverbs 3:5-8 (NIV) ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

⁸ This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.



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