

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: The Curse of Falsehood

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 1:1-10

If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Galatians 1:1-5. What does it mean to be an “apostle”? How did Paul become an apostle, and where did he get his authority?

Read Galatians 1:6-10. What problem in the Galatian churches is Paul seeking to address? Why does Paul omit his customary words of thanksgiving, commendation and encouragement and instead cut straight to the chase?

See verses 8-9. What does Paul mean when he declares that whoever preaches a false gospel should be “accursed” (or “anathema” in Greek)? Why does he repeat himself in these two verses?

Why did Paul feel that it was necessary to pronounce such a harsh curse of judgment against false preachers? Why is it such a serious matter to preach a false gospel? What kind of person deserves God’s anathema?

See verse 10. What was Paul’s motivation for speaking and writing as boldly as he did? Why is seeking the approval of man contrary to seeking God’s approval?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How is the gospel distorted in our own day? What are some “different gospels” we should be on guard against? How can we recognize them?

In what ways might we crave after man’s approval? How does a desire to please other people rather than God hinder our ability to believe and proclaim the true gospel of Christ? How does this temptation play out in your own life?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

How can we ensure that we get the gospel right ourselves and avoid falling for the many false and distorted gospels that are offered in our world today? How can we deepen our own understanding of the biblical gospel in order to avoid being taken in by the counterfeits?

Is there a difference between someone who preaches a false gospel (and is rightly deserving of God’s anathema) and a Christian who doesn’t understand their faith very well? If so, what is the difference?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

What might it look like to seek God’s approval rather than man’s? How do we move away from our addiction to man’s approval? Are there some concrete steps that can be taken even this week?