

“Divine Intervention”

Galatians 1:1-10

The Galatians were warm to the Gospel not long before this letter

“The word of the Lord was _____ throughout the whole region” [Acts 13:49]

Now: something has gone terribly wrong!

The Galatians are not being true to the faith

Paul is “_____” at their desertion

I. Two core crises in Galatia

A. They are turning away from God’s grace

To turn away from the gospel is to turn away from its _____

B. They are turning to a false Gospel

Gospel freedom is often short-circuited due to _____

The Judaizers insist that the Gentile believers observe some of the Jewish laws

In essence: they are saying that Jesus’ death and resurrection are not _____ to save us--we must add our work to His work

In doing so they “_____ the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.” [Galatians 2:21]

II. The results of this false gospel

A. The Galatians step out of freedom back into _____

B. They are “_____” --to shake or agitate; to throw into confusion; to unsettle
Away from Gospel grace and peace, back into frantic _____ mode!

C. God is being robbed of the _____ He is due

It is no wonder he is so _____: the house is on fire, and they are asleep

III. Paul sounds the _____

Anathema: a person or thing set apart and devoted to _____ [F.F. Bruce]

The Gospel is “the _____ of God that brings salvation” [Romans 1:16]

Paul is not over-reacting – he has the burden of what he knows!

“Non-intervention is the result of selfishness, not of _____” [Augustine]

“To the hard of hearing, you must speak louder”

The Gospel is the hill that Paul fights on--he stakes everything on _____

IV. We are prone to _____

Works righteousness seeps into our hearts, homes, and church

“The churches greatest danger is not the anti-gospel outside the church; it is the _____ gospels inside the church....”

1. Health and wealth “gospel” – a false understanding of shalom – “flourishing”

“Through many _____ we must enter the kingdom of God.” [Acts 14:22]

2. The “gospel” of grace plus _____

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” [Galatians 5:1]