

HOLD TO THE GOSPEL

Scripture Reading: Galatians 1:6-10

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Introduction:

1. We all have precious items we could never let go.
2. On the top of our list should be the gospel of Christ.
3. The devil is trying to get us to compromise the truth. Therefore, we must be steadfast in the Lord!

I. HOW THE DEVIL OPERATES

A. HE DOES SO QUICKLY

1. Once a soul is added to the body of Christ, the devil soon comes.
2. Some examples
 - a. Parable of the Sower -Mt 13:1-9
 - b. Simon the Sorcerer -Ac 8:18-24
3. We must remember that we were called by the gospel -2Th 2:14
 - a. This is not a working of man, but of God.
 - b. Therefore, to turn from the gospel, is to turn from God.

B. HE WORKS THROUGH OTHERS

1. Friends from the world -1Pe 4:3, 4
2. Perversion of the gospel. Note the warnings:
 - a. Wolves in sheep's clothing -Mt 7:15-20
 - b. Grievous wolves coming against the flock -Ac 20:28-31
 - c. Test the spirits -1Jn 4:1
 - d. A perverted gospel will not save a soul from eternal damnation.

II. ONLY ONE GOSPEL

A. GOSPEL DEFINED:

1. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus -1Co 15:1-4
2. One faith -Ep 4:4-6; Jude 3

B. WE ARE SAVED BY THE GOSPEL

1. It is the power of God unto salvation -Ro 1:16, 17
2. No other Savior but Jesus -Ac 4:11, 12
3. Saved through obedience to the gospel -Ro 6:3, 4

III. THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THE GOSPEL

A. THE SOURCE OF FALSE TEACHING DOESN'T MATTER

1. "Even if we or an angel from heaven." -vs. 8
2. If Paul comes back and preaches something different, or an angel of God, they are to be accursed. The gospel is too important to allow for perversion unto it.

B. LET HIM BE ACCURSED

1. This comes from the Greek word "Anathema"
 - a. The word carries with it the concept of not being redeemed
 - b. E.g. -Le 27:28, 29
 - c. Cf. -Josh. 6:17; 7:12
2. Essentially, the word means to receive the wrath of God.

C. WE ARE BONDSERVANTS OF CHRIST

1. Paul did not seek to please men, but God.
2. He is a "bondservant" of Christ.
 - a. A bondservant is one who has voluntarily decided to serve for life
 - b. Cf. -Ex 21:5, 6

Conclusion:

1. We have the responsibility to know the truth and to teach the truth to others.
2. Paul's words to Timothy -1Tim. 4:15, 16