

# Lessons from Galatians: Whose approval do you seek?

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## Galatians 1:6-12

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! 10 Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ. 11 I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. 12 I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

## 1. WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK THE APPROVAL OF GOD, NOT MAN

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## 2. THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE GOSPEL

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## 4. PREACHING FALSE GOSPEL IS A MAJOR OFFENSE

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### Gal 2:21

... if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"