

WORLDLINESS IN GALATIA

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7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

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Galatia, an ancient territory of central Asia Minor, in present Turkey. It was named for the immigrant [Gauls](#) from [Thrace](#), who settled here and became its ruling caste in the 3rd century BC

It was originally home of the ancient civilization of the Hittites, but came to be occupied by Gallic Celts.

In the settlement of 64 BC, Galatia became a client-state of the Roman empire, the old constitution disappeared, and three chiefs were appointed, one for each tribe.

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So soon removed. It implies that foreign influence had been used to turn away their minds from the truth. The word here

used metatitiques means, to transpose, put in another place; and then, to go over from one party to another.

Galatian believers were in the process of turning away (deserting, Metatithesthe , as in a military desertion) from the truth. Part of the apostle's amazement was because it was happening so quickly after his last visit to them, or so soon after the false teachers began their insidious work.

Their affections had become transferred to other doctrines than those which they had at first embraced, and they had moved off from the only true foundation, to one which would give them no support.

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ACTS 15:24

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

ACTS 20:29

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

ACTS 20:30

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

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LUTHER SAID THIS:

And would pervert the Gospel of Christ; which has Christ for its author, subject, and preacher; and particularly the doctrine of justification by his righteousness, which they sought to change, to throw into a different shape and form,

to adulterate by mixing it with the works of the law, and so, if possible, destroy it: to this they showed a good will, but were not able to effect, for the Gospel is an everlasting one; it is immovable, and so is that particular doctrine of it; it remains, and will remain in spite of opposition to it.

Thus the apostle prudently lays the blame of the Galatians removing from the Gospel to another upon the false teachers, hoping he should be able to reclaim them by solid arguments, and gentle methods.

Paul waged war against the false teachers because he loved the truth, and because he loved those whom he had led to Christ Like a loving father who guards his daughter until she is married, Paul watched over his converts lest they be seduced into sin.

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The word translated "pervert", means "to turn about, to change into an opposite character. " The word could be translated "to reverse. " In other words, the Judaizers had reversed the Gospel - they had turned it around and taken it back into the Law!

To them, the Law and the Gospel went together.

ACTS 15:1

1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

ACTS 15:2

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

What was this "deserting and perverting" doing to the Galatian Christians? It was troubling them.

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This verb "trouble" carries with it the idea of perplexity, confusion, and unrest. No wonder Paul was anxious for his converts: they were going through great agitation because of the false doctrines that had been brought to the churches.

When a Christian turns away from living by God's grace, he must depend on his own power. This leads to failure and disappointment.

No wonder Paul was anxious. His friends in Christ were deserting the God of grace, perverting the grace of God, and reverting to living by the flesh and their own resources.

They had begun their Christian lives - in the Spirit but now they were going to try to continue in the power of the flesh (Gal 3:3).

It shows that Satan does not waste time trying to undo the work of God. Where God has done a significant work, Satan soon shows up to try and undo it.

GALATIANS 1:8

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

By the use of the plural pronoun we, Paul associates with himself his colleagues, Barnabas, Silas, and Timothy who had combined with him in the preaching of the gospel. He wants to show the Galatians that the controversy is not between one teacher and another, but between truth and error.

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"Thou hast tried them that say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars. "

My, that is a blunt statement. "Thou hast tried them who call themselves apostles. " Isn't that presumptuous?

What right has a people to try those who call themselves apostles? And how do they try them? Oh, I love this. Here it is in Galatians 1:8, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have (already) preached unto you, let him be accursed. "

It was the apostles who brought the original Word to the people. That original Word could not change, not even a dot or dash of it. Paul knew it was God Who had spoken to him so he said, "Even if I come and try to give a second revelation, try to make one little change in what I gave originally,

let me be accursed. " You see, Paul knew that first revelation was correct. God can't give a first revelation, then a second revelation. If He did, He would be changing His mind. He can give a revelation and then add to it, as He did in the Garden of Eden when He promised the Seed to the woman,

and then later designated that Seed had to come through Abraham, and then later said it would come by the same blood lines in David. But it was the same revelation. It only gave the people more information to help them receive and understand it.

But God's Word can't change. The Seed came exactly as revealed. Hallelujah. And see what those false apostles were doing. They came with their own word. Those Ephesians knew that Word as Paul had taught it. They were full of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of Paul's hands.

They looked those false apostles in the eye and said, "You are not saying what Paul said. You are, therefore, false. " Oh, that sets my heart on fire. Get back to the Word! It is not you that really tries the apostle, and prophet and teacher, IT IS THE WORD THAT TRIES THEM.

One of these days there is going to come a prophet to the Laodicean Church Age and you will know if he is the real one sent from God or not. Yes you will, for if he is of God HE WILL BE IN THAT WORD EXACTLY AS GOD GAVE IT TO PAUL. HE WON'T DEVIATE FROM THAT WORD FOR A MOMENT, NOT BY ONE IOTA.

In that last age, when there will be many false prophets appearing, watch and see how they keep telling you that if you don't believe them and what they say, you will be lost; but when that LAST DAY PROPHET comes on the scene,

if he is truly that prophet, he will be crying out, "Get back to the Word or you are lost. " He won't build on a private revelation or interpretation, but on the Word. Amen, and Amen!

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Accursed. Anathema; a-nath-a-ma given over to the judgments of God. He who corrupts divine truth is an enemy of God, and is under the curse.

The word accursed is from anathema. It is a word used of a person or thing set apart and devoted to destruction, being hateful to God.

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GALATIANS 3:1

1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

ACTS 14:1

1 And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

ACTS 14:3

3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

ACTS 14:4

4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

ACTS 14:5

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

ACTS 14:6

6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

ACTS 14:7

7 And there they preached the gospel.

ACTS 14:8

8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

ACTS 14:9

9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

ACTS 14:10

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

ACTS 14:11

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

ACTS 14:12

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

ACTS 14:21

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

ACTS 14:22

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

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1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Gal 3:1

O YOU poor and silly and thoughtless and unreflecting and senseless Galatians!

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Gal 3:1-2

You stupid Galatians! Who has put you under a spell? Before your very eyes Yeshua the Messiah was clearly portrayed as having been put to death as a criminal!

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Gal 3:1

O senseless Galatians, who has bewitched you;

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Who hath bewitched you. The word here used ebaskane properly means, to prate about any one; and then to mislead by preterites, as if by magic arts; to fascinate; to influence by a charm. The idea here is, that they had not been led by reason and by sober judgment,

but that there must have been some charm or fascination to have taken them away in this manner from what they had embraced as true, and what they had the fullest evidence was true.