

Aug. 18, 2024

Lesson 7

This morning we will be looking at ch. 1:1-5—

*I am **amazed** that you are so quickly **deserting** Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a **different gospel**; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are **disturbing** you and want to **distort** the Gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be **accursed**! 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be **accursed**! 10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ...*

v. 6 *I am **amazed**...*

I am amazed [thaumazo]—Astonished

Mark 6:6...[Jesus] was [thaumazo] amazed at their lack of faith...

*...that you are so quickly **deserting** Him Who called you by the **grace** of Christ, for a **different gospel**...*

*...so quickly [**Matt 13:25**] the farmer's...enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat...*

*...**deserting**...[metatithesthe]—to be transported or removed to another place*

*...**different**...[heteron]—not the same content as the original—a distortion of...the gospel of the grace of God...[**Acts 20:24**]*

...**Gospel**...[euangelion]—good news

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...which is really not another...

there is only...the Gospel of God's grace [Acts 20:24]...

...**trouble**...[tarassontes]—to disturb or agitate, to stir up, to unsettle

...**distort**...[metastrepsai]—to pervert—to change from one nature or substance to another

v. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be **accursed!** **v. 9** As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be **accursed!**

...**anathema**...—to be devoted to destruction by God [Josh. 7]

v. 10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ...

Some were accusing Paul of being a people pleaser because he taught an easy Gospel.

What was happening that caused Paul to use such strong language

Acts 15:1 Some men...began teaching the brethren, "**Unless you are circumcised** according to the custom of Moses, **you cannot be saved.**"

This was the teaching that Paul so determined to condemn.

But, wasn't circumcision required by the Lord

In **Gen 17:10-14** we read...*This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 "And it shall be **the sign** of the covenant between Me and you... 14 "But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised...shall be cut off from his people; he has broken **My covenant.**"*