

THE CERTIFIED GOSPEL.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: **Galatians 1:6-12.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. Paul preached the “good news” of salvation. The word certify means to declare: **Acts 2:28** “Thou hast *made known* to me the ways of life...”
2. Paul declared that his message was from God.
3. Paul preached *four characteristics* of the certified gospel in Galatians.

DISCUSSION: THE CERTIFIED GOSPEL...

I. IS PURE (1:7).

A. Pervert means to corrupt, to turn about.

1. **Acts 2:20; James 4:9.**
2. Thus, losing the true meaning of the passage.

B. A perverted gospel produces perverted outcome.

1. Perverted faith: Saved by faith only.
2. Perverted hope: Just pray the sinners prayer; etc.
3. Perverted body: Denominationalism (one is as good as any other).

II. IS EXCLUSIVE (1:8-9).

A. It contains the *only* saving message (**Galatians 1:8-9**).

B. It came from God (**2 Timothy 3:15-16; 2 Peter 1:21**).

C. **Ephesians 4:3**: The exhortation is to “... keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

1. Unity is bound up in the seven ones (**Ephesians 4:4-6**).
2. The unity which establishes fellowship (**1 John 1:7**).
3. **Philippians 2:2**: To be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord of one mind. Other doctrines produce division.

D. It refuses to compromise with error (**1 Corinthians 16:17**).

III. HAS BEEN REVEALED (1:12).

A. Apostles received it by revelation. (**Ephesians 3:3; John 14:26**).

B. Others received it by preaching. (**Galatians 1:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:21**).

C. We cannot claim direct revelation today (**1 Corinthians 13:8**).

IV. IS BEHAVIOR CHANGING (2:14).

A. Paul had opposed Christianity (**Acts 9:1-2**).

B. It sets the standard for moral behavior (**Titus 2:11-12**).

C. It sets spiritual standards (**2 Romans 6:1-2**).

1. **John 8:32.**
2. Tells what to do to be saved and to stay saved.

V. CONCLUSION:

A. We must obey the gospel plan of salvation (H.B.R.C.B – Be faithful).

B. The certified gospel is the only doctrine with apostolic certification. Therefore, we must not teach or believe any other doctrine.