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. It is ***PURE, EXCLUSIVE; HAS BEEN REVEALED; CHANGES US***.

DISCUSSION: THE CERTIFIED GOSPEL…

I. THE GOSPEL IS PURE (1:7).

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

1. PERVERT = to corrupt, turn about, change.
   1) **Acts 2:20** "The *sun* shall be *turned into darkness*…"
   2) **James 4:9** "Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness."
2. Thus, losing the true meaning of a passage.

B. A perverted gospel produces a perverted product.

1. Perverted faith: Saved by faith only will not save. We must demonstrate our faith (**1 Thess. 1:3; James 2:17-20**).
2. Perverted instructions: Just pray the sinner's prayer. Prayers alone will not save. God's plan must be obeyed (H, B, R, C, B, then be faithful.
3. Perverted body: Go to the church of your choice. Many say, "one church is as good as any other." There is only one church (**Eph. 4:4, 1:22-23; Acts 20:28**).

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

A. It contains the *only* saving message (Gal. 1:8-9; 2 Tim. 2:2).

B. It came from God (2 Tim. 3:15-16; 2 Pet. 1:21).

C. Eph. 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 (**Eph. 4:4-6**).
2. Unity that establishes fellowship (**1 John 1:7**).
3. **Phil. 2:2** "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be ***likeminded***, having the same love, being of one accord of one mind." (**1 Cor. 1:10**). Other messages produce confusion.

D. Truth refuses to compromise with error (1 John 4:1).

III. THE GOSPEL HAS BEEN REVEALED (1:12).

A. The apostles received it by revelation (Eph. 3:3 "How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery…" ****John 14:26** "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

B. Then men received it by preaching (Gal. 1:8-9; **1 Cor. 1:21 "… it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

1. Genuine belief requires acting upon what you believe.
2. ****Matt. 16:19; Rom. 10:14. That is the message of Mark 16:15-16! Also notice Acts 2:37-38.**

C. We cannot claim direct revelation today (1 Cor. 13:8 "… whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

IV. THE GOSPEL IS BEHAVIOR CHANGING (1:13-14).

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

B. The certified gospel sets the standard for moral behavior (Titus 2:11-12 The grace of God hath appeared… teaching…)

C. The gospel demands obedience.

1. The gospel can make us free (**John 8:32**).
2. The gospel sets us apart from the world (**John 17:17**).

D. Obeying the gospel produces change (**1 Tim. 1:12-13; Eph. 4:22-24**).

V. CONCLUSION:

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

B. The gospel is the only doctrine with apostolic certification.