<u>Perverting The Gospel Of Christ</u>

Galatians 1:8-12

Intro:

    A.   The Galatians had received the true gospel.
        1.   They had received the truth.
        2.   They were scriptural churches.

    B.   **Vs. 7** They were perverting the gospel.
        1.   "<u>Pervert</u>" = μεταστεφω = "to turn about", "change".
        2.   They sought to <u>placate</u> the Jews who refused to abandon the old system of Judaism.
        3.   They made this "<u>balance</u>" compromise in order to do good, not evil. **Acts 21:17-21**
        4.   The desire for change is always, to reach more people, or to keep our people from leaving.

    C.   **Vs. 6** Paul was amazed at how quickly this had occurred.
        1.   Error does spread <u>rapidly</u>.
        2.   It spreads from <u>church</u> to <u>church</u>.
        3.   It has its <u>carriers</u>. **"Some would trouble you."**

I.   <u>Paul's Stern Condemnation Of Error</u>. **Vs. 8**

    A.   **"But though we, or an angel from heaven,"**
        1.   "Now even though it were myself..."
        2.   "<u>Angel</u>" = αγγελος = "one who is sent to announce or teach", "a messenger".

    B.   **"Preach any other gospel unto you then that which we have preached unto you..."**
        1.   "<u>Preach</u>" = ευαγγελιζω = "to proclaim good news".
        2.   "Proclaim to you any contradiction message, the message we preached was true."

    C.   **"Let him be accursed."**
        1.   "<u>Accursed</u>" = αναθεμα = "dedicated for judgment", "placed under the curse", "damned".
        2.   "May he be damned"! Phi

    D.   Paul repents his Statement. **Vs. 9**
        1.   Προλεγω = "to say before hand".
        2.   "<u>Received</u>" = Παραλαμβανω = "to receive from someone".
        3.   Paul repeats his statement for two reasons:
            a.   <u>Clarity</u>.
            b.   <u>Emphasis</u>.

II. **Who Will Preaching Truth Please?**

A. **"For do I now persuade men, or God?"**
1. "Persuade" = Πειθω = "to win someone's favor", "to gain over to one's side".
2. "Do you think that I am trying to gain man's favor or God's?"

B. **"Or do I seek to please men?"**
1. "Seek" = Ζητεω = "Strive to find".
2. "Please" = αρεσκω = "to be pleasing and acceptable".

C. **"For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."**
1. "Pleased" (Same as above)
2. "Servant" = δουλος = "one bound to serve".
3. "If I still sought men's favour, I should be no servant of Christ". NEB
4. The message that Paul preached did not please the Jews. Those who were saved still loved the law.

III. **The Source Of Paul's Gospel. Vs. 11,12**

A. **Vs. 11 "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after men."**
1. "Certify" = γνωριζω = "to point out", "to make known", "to explain".
2. "For I tell you plainly, brothers, that the good news that I preached is not a human affair." - GSPD

B. **Vs. 12 "For I neither received it of man,"**
1. "No man gave me the gospel I preach".
2. The truth is not man-made.

C. **"Neither was I taught it," (by man)**
1. "Taught" = διδασκω = "to give instruction".
2. No man taught it to Paul. The point Paul wishes to make is that the Apostles did not teach him the truths of the gospel.

D. **"...but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."**
1. "Revelation" = αποκαλυψεως = "unveiling". The entire system of the manner in which God chose to save mankind is a matter of God showing it to man.
1. Paul was equal to the other apostles.