

Galatians 1:1-10

Paul's purpose in writing this letter was to answer the many people who added their own twist to the gospel. Paul warns, we must be on our guard against those who would try to change or confuse the gospel message found in the Bible. Today we find that people not only want to take away from the gospel message but there are some who want to add to it as well.

1. If you were able, how would you like to change the ending to any well-known story or movie? What is the danger in changing the ending?
2. According to the opening verses, what are the essential elements of the gospel?
3. Who does Paul say chose him and the Galatians to serve God?
4. How does Paul describe the motives of those who were falsely teaching the gospel message? What does Paul prescribe for anyone who dared to change the gospel message?
- 4b. Why do you think Paul is so passionate about this? How might we learn from Paul?
5. How did Paul receive the Good News?
6. What does it mean to be a "servant of Christ" rather than trying to "please man"?
7. What "additions" are often tacked on to the Gospel message? What are some things that people like to take away from the gospel message?
8. How might we, in our thinking and actions, be guilty of 'changing' the gospel?
9. Why is the concept of earning salvation from doing good so popular and so hard to move away from?
10. How can we ensure we don't fall into this trap?