

The Certified Gospel

Galatians 1:6-12

Introduction:

- A. Paul preached the certified gospel. (cf. Certified seed, certified checks).
- B. Paul preached four characteristics of the certified gospel in Galatians:

Discussion:

I. The Certified Gospel Is *Revealed*. (1:12).

- A. Apostles received it by *revelation*. (Gal. 1:11-20; cf. Eph. 3:3,5).
 - 1. Claimed direct revelation — but anyone can so claim.
 - 2. Confirmed direct revelation by visible power. (Heb. 2:3,4).
- B. Others received it by *preaching*. (Gal. 1:8,9; cf. 1 Cor. 1:21).
 - 1. We have no right to expect direct revelation
 - 2. We have no right to claim direct revelation today.

II. The Certified Gospel Is *Exclusive*. (1:8,9).

- A. It came from one God, one Lord, and one Spirit. (Eph. 4:4-6).
- B. It produces one faith, one hope, and one baptism. (Eph. 4:4-6).
- C. It commands one baptism. (Eph. 4:5).
- D. It endorses but one way of truth. (Gal. 1:8,9).
 - 1. Opposes any other doctrine. (1 Tim. 1:3; 2 John 9-11).
 - 2. Refuses compromise with any other. (Gal. 2:4-5).

III. The Certified Gospel Is *Pure*. (1:7).

- A. A perverted gospel is “transformed into something of opposite character” (Vine) — cf. Acts 2:20; Jas. 4:9) — Hence, another in effect.
- B. A perverted gospel produces perverted effect.
 - 1. Perverted faith — Mormonism, humanism, modernism.
 - 2. Perverted hope — Premillennialism, social gospel, date-setters.
 - 3. Perverted body — Catholic, protestant, ecumenical, liberal.

IV. The Certified Gospel Is *Behavior-setting*. (2:14)

- A. It sets standard for moral behavior. (Gal. 2:14; Tit. 2:11,12) — Demands dealing uprightly with family, friends, neighbors and enemies.
- B. It set spiritual standards of behavior. (2 Tim. 2:5; Jno. 4:24; Acts 2:42; Mt. 15:9; 1 Cor. 15:58). — Tells what to do to be saved and to stay saved.

Conclusion:

- A. Obey certified gospel plan of salvation. (B.R.C.B)
- B. Obey only doctrine with apostolic certification — believe no other — obey no other day by day.