

"A Little Leaven"

**Intro:** The false teachers who infiltrated the church in Galatia had caused much trouble by refuting the true saving gospel of Jesus Christ, not by outright denying the necessity of faith in Christ but by _____________ the pure gospel of grace with their poisonous non-gospel of ________ righteousness.

A. As we have come to the last third of this Spirit-breathed letter (chapters 5 & 6), where Paul teaches that the true spiritual freedom that comes by grace through faith in Christ is manifested in the Spirit-filled life of the believer, he also _____________ the effect, origin and final _____________ of the false teachers.

B. Having exposed the dangers of the _____________ doctrines (vss. 2-6), Paul now exposes the _____________ character and evil end of the false teachers (vss. 7-12).

I. The _____________ teachers had a _____________ effect.

A. They _____________ the _____________ believers.

1. False teachers do not promote obedience to God as they propose, but _____________! They strive to keep others “______ obeying the _____________” of Christ!

B. Their persuasion was _______ of the Spirit _____ ______ who calls by the grace of Christ but of satan who calls men according to their sin-filled fleshly desires.

C. If not rejected, the _____________ teachings would so thoroughly and severely _______ the gospel message that the saving _________ of grace by which the Galatians were first called would be done away with, its saving influence completely removed, and its divine nature _______.

D. While the true believer is held in the grace of God and ultimately will not adhere to the heresies of the _____________ teachers, nevertheless, those teachers of _____________, no matter who they are, will face a very terrifying and personal judgment, coming under the wrath of God. They, each one, will be judged according to the works they have done, and having trusted in their ability to keep the Law and also having failed, so will they be condemned by the Law! They are not under grace but having fallen from grace they are _________ a certain and terrifying _____________!
E. Teachers will lie about those who preach the cross so as to bolster their ______ and, at the same time, they will also persecute those who preach the Christ crucified. Being of the Law they do not show grace but gladly condemn and ____________ those who have determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

F. False teachers don’t apply their own principles ___ the way as they should. If what they say is true, then they should go all ______ ________.

1. False teachers will not __________ their ________ as the should.

2. False teachers will not ______________ themselves ______ ______ and His people as they should.

II. In contrast to the Judaizers who were under the bondage of the law of sin and death, we are ______________ __ ____________!

Finally then: “Ours is an age of tolerance. Men love to have the best of both worlds and hate to be forced to choose. It is commonly said that it does not matter what people believe so long as they are sincere, and that it is unwise to clarify issues too plainly or to focus them too sharply.

But the religion of the New Testament is vastly different from this mental outlook. Christianity will not allow us to sit on the fence or live in a haze; it urges us to be definite and decisive, and in particular to _____________ between ______________ and ... human achievement. ...” (John Stott).

Dear Ones! Choose today who you will serve! And know this: you cannot serve two masters. ______ ______ ________ ________ to trust Christ or not – and there is nothing in between. You cannot trust Christ and self.

And we must understand the importance of our decision for to choose to trust in your ability to save yourself through your own works of righteousness is to go the exact same way as the false teachers of this text. But to trust in Christ is to be called to freedom, and what a blessed freedom is this! Don’t let anyone or anything hinder you! ______ the race, _________ the truth, and don’t look back, but keep your eye on the prize before you: ____________ _________!