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**No Turning Back**

**Galatians 1:1-10**

**Key Truth:** God’s gospel of salvation is not based on how we try to please Him but solely on His character and His work, through Jesus Christ.

**Inquiring Minds Want To Know:**

1. What is the Gospel?

 **Answer:** God graciously sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to rescue us from our sins, by dying on the Cross and rising from the dead. **1 Corinthians 15:1-5**

2. What the gospel is not?

 **Answer:** You working hard to live a good life, in order to achieve favor and salvation from God.

3. Who is the gospel for?

 **Answer**: All humanity, because we all have sinned and need God’s grace in order to be reconciled to Him.

**The Danger Of Deserting The Gospel Of Grace:**

1. You deny the work of Jesus Christ on the cross.

2. If salvation is by works, then we turn God’s glory into

 mankind’s achievement.

3. You become an enemy of God.

**Why The Church Must Stand Firm On The Gospel Of Grace:**

1. So that we can lead people out of bondage.

2. The gospel of grace restores us to right standing with God.

3. The gospel not only redeems us but changes our character, so

 that we can live as children of God.

4. The gospel is not about making bad people good but raising

 dead people to life.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Pray that our identity in Christ would drive us to live for Him. Pray that God would give us a holy ambition for His mission in the world.

**Food For Thought**

Read Ephesians 2:8-10 & 1 Corinthians 1:26-31: Why do you think humanity tends to boast about achievements? How does the gospel run counter to that?

Read Galatians 1:1-5: What does Paul’s introduction say about his identity? With what authority was he writing?

Why did Paul vigorously oppose false gospels? What makes them so dangerous?

How would you describe Paul’s ambition? How is his ambition different from the ambition of the world?

What does it mean for you to be a slave of Christ? Why is slavery to Christ an identity that sets you free?

Read Galatians 1:11-17: Why did Paul make a distinction between the gospel he preached and man’s gospel? Describe these two gospels and their differences.

What happened to Paul when he received Christ? How did his life change?