

The Sheep

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ which is really no gospel at all.

Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! Galatians 1:6-9

Paul's focus is on the sheep and what they know or should know.

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word, I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 1Corinthians 15:1-4.

What is the True Gospel?

- Jesus died for our sins.
- Jesus was buried.
- Jesus rose from the dead.
- Jesus appeared to many people.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

And Paul is telling us:

There is NEVER going to be NEW revelation about SALVATION!

- It does not matter what the popular teaching of the day is.

- It does not matter what some new spiritual insight is supposedly discovered.
- There will never be a new revelation about salvation.
- Any gospel, other than the Gospel of GRACE, is a lie!

Other reasons sheep wander from the truth.

a. Some sheep are too lazy to study God's Word.

In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Hebrews 5:12

- How are you doing in your bible reading and studying of God's Word?
- Are you growing in your faith and understanding?
- Or are you slowly but surely losing touch with the truth of God's Word that you used to know and stand on?

The Bible clearly teaches that no Christian can blame others for being misled and drifting into error!

Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position.¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2Peter 3:17-18

- b. Some sheep never grow in their faith because they believe the Grass is always greener on the other side.
- c. Some sheep struggle and fall into error because they are not having their needs met.
- ❖ What you believe about God will determine how you live for God.

Every Christian, has to know and believe in the True Gospel.
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