Guarding the Gospel Galatians 1:6-12

I. Another Gospel - 1:6-7

Paul's concern for these churches - 6
 They had so soon departed from Grace Moving away from what Paul preached Being persuaded by another message What Paul called "another gospel"

2. What is the "Gospel"

Paul outlines it in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Christ died for our sins, He was buried, He rose again the third day

3. What is "another gospel"

Some were adding the law to grace
Some were adding circumcision
Cannot add rites or ritual to God's grace
Like baptism, communion etc.
Some would add good works to grace

Works & grace cannot go together – Rom. 11:6

4. There is no other gospel - 7

God's Word defines the Good News
There is no other message that brings salvation
Jesus said that He is the only way – John 14:6
He also said the gate is narrow – Matt. 7:13-14
Peter says the same thing – Acts 4:12
Any other gospel is a perversion
Satan is source of perversion – 2 Cor. 11:13-15
Those proclaiming another trouble you

II. Pronouncing a Curse - 1:8-9

A curse indicates how strongly Paul felt
 This is a very serious matter
 Curse is pronounced with apostolic authority

Curse pronounced on preachers – 8
 Whether it be Paul or his associates
 Begins with himself & those with him
 An angel from heaven
 Some believe angel came with another gospel
 Or anyone else with another message
 Curse is very broad to include all other gospels

3. Curse is repeated again – 9
Repeated for emphasis
It is a solemn warning
Dangerous to deviate from the Gospel

III. Gospel has Divine Authority – 10-12

Solemn curse is appropriate – 10
 Paul is accountable to God
 His message seeks only God's approval
 He is not set on seeking man's approval
 He is the servant of Jesus Christ
 His message is the message of Jesus Christ
 His gospel did not come from men – 11-12

2. His gospel did not come from men – 11-12 No human taught him this gospel message

3. His gospel came by divine revelation – 12

It was revealed to him by Jesus Christ
To reject his message is to reject what God says
Therefore this curse is a solemn curse
Paul's testimony fills the rest of this chapter
He wants us to know about God's revelation