

# Galatians 1:6-9

## Are You Out of Your Minds?

Rhetoric, at its simplest definition, is the art of \_\_\_\_\_. The Roman author/rhetoric teacher Quintilian, who is still read today, taught that when beginning a speech or a literary effort, you should be \_\_\_\_\_. Based on what Paul did in the early verses of Galatians, Quintilian would have given Paul an \_\_\_\_\_. As you read these first verses, you'd think Paul was an angry \_\_\_\_\_. I believe he was right. What was at stake here was the gospel. Remember that false teachers were attempting to persuade these Galatians that they had to add the \_\_\_\_\_ to the gospel.

I. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ 6

So Paul begins the body of his letter to these churches expressing his astonishment at what was happening.

Remember the account of Moses in the wilderness as he returned from Mt. Sinai? They had been delivered from Egyptian bondage and then they fashioned a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. How quickly they were turning!

Remember that much of what false teachers offer is orthodox. They teach Jesus is the Messiah but added just a little \_\_\_\_\_ into it. If I told you a drop of \_\_\_\_\_ was in your water, your tea, your milk, would it be ok to drink? These false teachers were offering \_\_\_\_\_ gospel.

II. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ 7

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There truly is \_\_\_\_\_ . In fact, there are only \_\_\_\_\_ religions in the world: \_\_\_\_\_ achievement and \_\_\_\_\_ accomplishment. The false teachers were distorting the pure gospel into a \_\_\_\_\_ gospel. Adding even a minor point to it, \_\_\_\_\_ it. The biggest troublemakers aren't the atheists, agnostics and the like. It's those who pervert the gospel.

There are many modern \_\_\_\_\_ that really are not the \_\_\_\_\_. One such modern gospel would be preaching that doesn't include \_\_\_\_\_ or offers a \_\_\_\_\_ approach to God.

III. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ 8-9

Paul offered no \_\_\_\_\_ attitude towards those offering a \_\_\_\_\_ gospel. In fact, he told them they could go straight to \_\_\_\_\_. Really? Yes, really. That's how serious this false teaching is. It's what the Reformation was all about as well.

Questions for us today?

Am I basing my salvation on the finished work of Jesus?

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If I were to die right now, on what would I base on assurance?