

## The Truth About False Teachers Galatians 5:7-12

There still are only two religions in the world: human \_\_\_\_\_ and divine \_\_\_\_\_.  
Remember Paul's message in Galatians: Jesus + anything = \_\_\_\_\_, while Jesus + nothing = \_\_\_\_\_. Paul, following the lead of Jesus, had his harshest words for false teachers, those leading believers astray. As we will see, Paul saves his strongest comments for the end of verse 12. Paul gives a total of \_\_\_ statements in our text.

### I. False Teachers \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth.

Paul commended these believers for their diligence in running well and had a comment. To do this, he used a familiar figure, running. In Paul's day runners would run to a point and then turn to run back. Tripping in a race, not allowed today, wasn't then either. These Galatians were running well, even nobly. Then, someone broke the rules and \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. It's translated hindered but "cut in" is better. This act by the false teachers kept them from \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel. This greatly troubled Paul. What we \_\_\_\_\_ and how we \_\_\_\_\_ cannot

be separated. That is the truth of justification and sanctification.

Justification –

Sanctification –

### II. False Teachers are not \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul plainly states this message of Jesus + circumcision is not from \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_. It's the equivalent of the \_\_\_\_\_ man as the approach to the gospel. Satan knows we will not work our way to heaven but he works to make us think we can.

### III. False Teachers \_\_\_\_\_ the church.

Paul switches from a runner to a baker and reminds us that even a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ leavens the whole loaf. How much yeast does it take? How much of the law contaminates the \_\_\_\_\_? Paul here, referring to yeast, is the equivalent of adding works to the gospel. We are justified by faith, \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. False Teachers will be \_\_\_\_\_.

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These Galatian believers will return to the truth of the gospel at some point. John 10:4-5, 14, 28-30 and Philippians 1:6. False teachers, although seemingly unhindered now, will ultimately receive their due.

### V. False Teachers Must Be \_\_\_\_\_.

Looking at verse 12, Paul uses what some have called crude language and possibly his harshest statement in all his writings. Paul's thought here is that if the judaizers believed circumcision would make them more holy, more acceptable to God, then why not just finish the job? He is likely referring to a cultic religion in Galatia that worshiped the goddess Cybele. The priests of Cybele were eunuchs. So Paul says, if circumcision made them more complete, then finishing the job would be even better. A second interpretation is that Paul was calling for these judaizers to be cut off from the church.

### VI. False Teachers Persecute True Teachers.

Paul might have been accused that he preached a Jesus + anything approach. If this was true, then why was he continuing to be persecuted? Paul's conclusion is that the cross is scandalous. It was scandalous then and today as well.

The Jews though a crucified Messiah was an impossibility. The Romans would not even crucify their own citizens so what do you think they thought of a crucified Messiah?

The offense of Christianity remains the \_\_\_\_\_. Most human beings believe they are basically good and can do whatever needs to be done to save them. Believing in the cross removes all human achievement. All roads do \_\_\_\_ lead to God. People detest the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel. All roads lead to God and I am THE way, THE truth and THE life cannot both be true.

Today, your life, my life must be scandalous, offensive to others, not because of our language or actions. We are to be offensive because of our belief/behavior that points to the Great High King of Heaven, Jesus.