



Galatians 1



Defending the Gospel



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Galatians 1:3-5



Syncretism:

The fusion of diverse beliefs and practices.



I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel –

Galatians 1:6-9



Not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the

Galatians 1:6-9



one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:6-9



Matthew 16



When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread. Jesus said to them, “Watch and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Matthew 16:5-12



And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, “We brought no bread.” But Jesus, aware of this, said, “O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread?”

Matthew 16:5-12



Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?

Matthew 16:5-12



How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Matthew 16:5-12



Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

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Pharisees and Sadducees





There is a great problem today
in our culture and in the church
with religious syncretism.









“There is a version of American nationalism that is trying to camouflage itself as Christianity – and it is a heretical version of our faith.”









“There is a version of American progressivism that is trying to camouflage itself as Christianity – and it is a heretical version of our faith.”





“[Within the church today] there is mainstream culture, celebrities, fashion, music, modish political activism and a message of self-love, but with a twist of Christianity.



Most people stick with mainstream culture [instead of this version of church] because they can have all those things and pre-marital sex. We can see the '[American] with a twist of Christianity' trend everywhere...



So, if Christianity is such an inessential add-on, why become a Christian? I am not religious, so it is not my place to dictate to Christians what they should and should not believe.



Still, if someone has a faith worth following, I feel that their beliefs should make me feel uncomfortable for not doing so. If they share 90% of my lifestyle and values, then there is nothing especially inspiring about them.



Instead of making me want to become more like them, it looks very much as if they want to become more like me.”

- **Ben Sixsmith**



“Deconstruction is the process of systematically dissecting and often rejecting the beliefs you grew up with.”

- **Alyssa Childers**



Healthy Deconstruction:
Defending the Gospel while
keeping the faith.



4 Keys to Healthy Deconstruction:



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But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:8



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For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10



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3. Deal with the inner Pharisee.



For I would have you know, brothers,
that the gospel that was preached by
me is not man's gospel. For I did not
receive it from any man, nor was I
taught it, but I received it through a
revelation of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:11-14



For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people,

Galatians 1:11-14



so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

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- 4. Reconstruct a beautiful Church.**



Stages of Maturity:



Stages of Maturity: Construct



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And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18



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