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Part 1—An Introduction

Galatians 1:1-10

1. Paul was called of God.

“This letter is from Paul, an apostle. I was not appointed by any group of people or any human authority, but by Jesus Christ Himself and by God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.” ~ Galatians 1:1 (NLT)

Apostle = a *delegate*; specifically an *ambassador* of the Gospel; officially a *commissioner* of Christ, (with miraculous powers): - apostle, messenger, he that is sent.

2. It's not Jesus "+". It's only Jesus!

“May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.” ~ Galatians 1:3-5 (NLT)

Jesus is not just a means to an end. Jesus is the cause, Jesus is the agenda, Jesus is the answer, Jesus is the beginning and the end...it has to be all about Jesus!

3. Are you following the Truth or something/someone that pretends to be the Truth?

I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to Himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ.”

~ Galatians 1:6-7 (NLT)

Make sure your quoting the Bible and not false teachers.

Where are you getting your answers?

4. The position behind the pulpit = a fearful place to be.

“Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you. I say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed.” ~ Galatians 1:8-9 (NLT)

5. Are you pleasing people or God?

“Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.” ~ Galatians 1:10 (NLT)

“No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by God's Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people.” ~ Romans 2:29 (NLT)

What is the greatest threat to the health and success of Grace Church?



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