

Riverview Baptist Church  
Sunday School Teaching Plan  
October 4, 2015  
Galatians 1:6-8  
“A Warning from God!”

---

### Memory Verse:

“But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!” Galatians 1:8 NIV

### The Big Idea:

Sermon Scripture: The sermon will be the third in a series of expository sermons on Galatians. Galatians 1:6-8 will be studied in Sunday School today. Paul clearly states his dismay at the speedy rejection of the gospel by the Galatian Church.

Sunday School Scripture: Galatians 1:6-8

Sunday School Title: “A Warning from God”

ESS: Christians must retain clarity about the nature of the gospel at all times no matter who disagrees.

### Preparation:

Study this lesson guide. Spend some time getting familiar with material on the website, <https://carm.org/jehovahs-witnesses>, <https://carm.org/mormonism>, <https://carm.org/islam>, <https://carm.org/universalism>.

### Presentation:

Think of a time you have encountered a very sincere person who believed a false gospel. This needs to focus on a false gospel, not a simple disagreement in doctrine! What made their gospel false?

Be careful putting this lesson into practice! It could be an emotional issue for anyone whose family is involved in a cult. Do not be afraid to share the truth from scripture. But make sure the truth is scriptural and that any disagreement with other faiths is put in the context of their departure from the gospel of the Bible. The Bible is our source of truth, not tradition or men.

Have you known anyone who has left the true gospel for a false gospel? Why do you think this happens? Some people quickly leave Christ after they begin following him.

**Read:** Verse 6

Why does it matter if people leave the gospel? *Turning to a different “gospel” is the same thing as turning away from God himself.*

What is the true gospel?

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

What does this passage teach is the true gospel?

- Must be received
- Must be held firmly
- Must be passed on accurately

- Comes from the Scripture
- Jesus dies for our sins, buried, raised, appeared before witnesses

The true gospel of Jesus is repentance and faith in the ministry of Jesus Christ for use! Trusting in Him.

**Read:** Romans 10:9-13.

What two things are required for salvation? *Sincere belief and Public profession!*

What is the confidence we can have in our salvation? *We will never be put to shame but will be saved.*

**Refer back to Galatians 1:7**

A false gospel is not a gospel! It isn't just a little off, it is completely wrong. It is not good news! We can be wrong on some issues and be all right. But we can't be wrong. So this is where it important to stand our ground in our faith.

Some people will pervert the gospel and cause confusion:

Who are some groups who do this? *Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Roman Catholics, Universalists. (Refer back to Preparation for further study)*

**Refer to verse 8. Read it again.**

What does it mean to be cursed? Would anyone truly desire to be under God's curse? It can happen!

Even an angel who changes the gospel from the one of the Bible should be ignored and is under God's curse. This means that tradition, persuasive personalities, even miraculous supernatural events are not grounds for changing our belief in the one true gospel.

## **Apply:**

- ***Receive Jesus as your savior and Lord personally today, praise Him by telling other about it!***
- ***Share the gospel with others.***
- ***Learn how to distinguish false religions, even those who claim to be Christian.***

**NOTE:** All definitions unless otherwise noted are from Strong's Exhaustive Concordance