

SERMON OUTLINE

Pleasing man, or pleasing God

Galatians 1:10-24

I submit to you that Paul's burden, in this letter is simply, the gospel. Therefore...

Every believer must understand and be a diligent discerner of the true, liberating gospel of Jesus Christ.

How do we do this? By understanding three things:

The gospel came directly from God, by revelation (Galatians 1:11-12)

The gospel is a radical departure from man-centeredness (Galatians 1:13-14)

The gospel powerfully transforms the hardest hearts (Galatians 1:15-24)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What is Paul stressing in v.10 when he asks the Galatians if he is trying to please men or please God?
- What are the most telltale indicators you can name that expose the desire to please men rather than God?
- How does the fact that the gospel is not a human invention cut across the pull toward man-pleasing?
- Are there any philosophies, ideologies, institutions or organizations that are free from the need to discern in the light of the gospel?
- What does your particular pull toward man-pleasing look like?
- How much of the power of the gospel was needed to rescue you?