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Galatians 1:9 (NIV)

> *“As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted,* ***let them be under God’s curse!****“*

Highlight key: = the load-bearing truth · = the precious outcome · **bold** = key terms

There’s a **curse** in the first chapter of Galatians. Flip it over, and you find a **double blessing** for everyone who carries the *true* gospel. But first — let’s start with Job.

A false gospel brings curse; the true gospel carries blessing — Galatians 1:9.

Start Here: Job’s Double Portion

Job once carried **wrong thoughts about God** — he even accused him. But in the *last* chapter (Job 42), Job repents of what he had *uttered with his mouth*. And **only then** does God truly restore him.

Job 42:10 (NIV)

> *“After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord* ***restored his fortunes*** *and gave him* ***twice as much as he had before****.”*

Hold that word — *double*. Galatians 1 shows you the same God: a double *curse* for the false gospel, and a double *blessing* for the true one.

Why Was Galatians Written?

Galatians was written because a different gospel can look spiritual yet pull people away from grace.

The Problem	Why It Matters to You
False teachers slipped in with **“another gospel.”**	We hear all kinds of messages today — casually, on the go.
It *looked* spiritual but was **different = wrong**.	Something can *look* like the gospel and still be deadly.
It pulled believers away from grace.	We must learn to tell the **true** from the **false**.

Highlight: There is only **one** truth. And the gap between life and death is *enormous*.

Paul is so stirred by this one issue — believers following other preachers who *spoke differently* — that he writes with holy anger, even crying out, *“O foolish Galatians!”*

Sent by Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:1–2)

Galatians 1:1–2 (NIV)

> *“Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by* ***Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead*** *— and all the brothers and sisters with me,”*

Highlight: This isn’t Paul’s opinion — it’s a man **sent by God**. So lean in.

Grace and Peace (Galatians 1:3)

This is not man’s opinion — Paul was sent by Christ; the true gospel begins with grace and peace.

Galatians 1:3 (NIV)

> *“****Grace and peace*** *to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,”*

Word	What it means	Picture
Grace	Unearned favour	Noah *found grace* in God’s eyes — he didn’t earn it

Word	What it means	Picture
Peace	*Shalom* — wholeness	**Lacking nothing in everything**

Highlight: No matter how far you've drifted or how big the problem — *one drop of grace is enough.* God protected Noah and his family alone and carried them safely through. He'll protect you the same way and lead you all the way to maturity.

The Will of God: Rescued From Every Evil (Galatians 1:4–5)

God's will is to rescue you — Jesus gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this present evil age.

Galatians 1:4–5 (NIV)

> *"who **gave himself for our sins** to **rescue us from the present evil age**, according to **the will of our God and Father**, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."*

Evil wears many faces — and God's will is to rescue you from every one:

This holds you captive…	…and God's will is to…
Sickness	**Redeem**
Disease	**Rescue**
Any bondage	**Set free**

Highlight: Wherever there is bondage, **redemption is God's will** — and his plan for your life is to *bring people out* of bondage too.

What Is the True Gospel? (Galatians 1:6–8)

The true gospel keeps you in the grace of Christ — fix your eyes on Jesus, not the problem.

Galatians 1:6–8 (NIV)

> *"I am astonished that you are so quickly* ***deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ*** *and are turning to* ***a different gospel*** *— which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 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!*** *"*

"Deserting" is the key word

Highlight: *Deserting* means **separated from Christ.** They didn't commit some great sin — they simply *believed* another gospel. That alone turned them away from Christ.

The closer you walk with Christ, the more you *know* there's a solution to your problem — that deliverance is coming, that you'll come out of the sickness. So drifting away costs you everything. (Paul spends the next chapters showing exactly **what separates you from Christ** and **what makes you fall from grace.**)

Two Trees: which fruit are you eating?

Here's the trap: these false preachers don't stand up and tell you to go and sin. They open the **Bible** and preach from it. So how do we tell the difference? Go back to the Garden of Eden — two trees:

Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil	Tree of Life
Fruit = messages of "this is good, this is bad"	Fruit = knowing **Jesus Christ**
Gives you *information*, not power	Gives you **life and power to overcome**
Even the world can teach it	Only **Christ** can give it
Adam & Eve ate it → **death**	Jesus *is* life — eat this and you **live**

Highlight: The message you're hearing right now *is* the fruit you're eating. So ask yourself — **which tree am I eating from?**

The world can teach “good” — but only Christ gives power

Even children’s songs teach lovely things: *sharing is caring*, be kind, be united. The world is full of good advice. But knowing good from evil has never once helped anyone *overcome* evil.

Highlight: Only **Jesus** gives you the strength to overcome evil. When you focus on *his love*, you receive the energy to win.

Look at the effects

What happened the moment Adam and Eve ate the wrong fruit? They were separated from God — and everything came rushing in.

Eden *before* sin	*After* eating the wrong fruit
No death	Death
No pain	Pain
No sorrow	Sorrow + sickness

This is a **life-and-death situation.** And notice — we usually drift *without even realising what we should have known.* That’s exactly what happened in Eden.

Don’t name the problem — look at Jesus

Picture this: In the wilderness, snakes bit the Israelites. Shouting *“snake! snake! it hurts!”* changed nothing — but when they **looked up** to God’s provision, the venom lost its power. The “snake” is sin, sickness, pain, poverty. Naming your problem won’t heal it. **Look at Jesus**, and the evil loses its grip.

That’s why “evidently… trying to pervert the gospel” matters: it *looks* like the gospel, but it isn’t the true one.

A Double Curse (Galatians 1:9)

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> *“As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted,* ***let them be under God’s curse!****“*

A curse this strong — said **twice** — is rare in all of Scripture. And it's aimed squarely at **preachers**. Even an angel from heaven isn't exempt.

Highlight: As we read in **James**, those who teach must be *very* careful — they're judged more strictly. If you're going to preach, you must *know* whether you're preaching the true truth or not.

Note for you: Questions bubbling up? Write them down. As we work through the whole of Galatians, it will all become clear — and it *will* be worth it.

Flip It Over: A Double *Blessing*

Four blessings for carrying the true gospel: double honour, everlasting reward, first to receive, and living by the gospel.

If there's a **double curse** for the *false* gospel… there's a **double blessing** for the *true* one. And we're all called as **kings and priests** to carry it.

	A Different Gospel	The True Gospel
What it does	Pulls you *away* from Christ	Keeps you *in* the grace of Christ
The result	A double **curse** (Gal 1:9)	A double **blessing**
Who it touches	Anyone who preaches it — *even an angel*	Everyone who faithfully shares it

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1️⃣ Double Blessings

1 Timothy 5:17 (KJV)

> *"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of* ***double honour****, especially they who* ***labour in the word and doctrine****."*

Isaiah 61:6–7 (NIV)

> *“And you will be called **priests of the Lord**, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. Instead of your shame you will receive a **double portion**, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a **double portion** in your land, and **everlasting joy** will be yours.”*

Instead of…	God gives…
Shame	A **double portion**
Disgrace	Joy + everlasting joy

*(Just like Job — repentance and faithfulness, then **double**.)*

2️ Everlasting Blessing

Daniel 12:3 (NIV)

> *“Those who are wise will **shine like the brightness of the heavens**, and those who **lead many to righteousness**, like the **stars for ever and ever**.”*

Lead people to righteousness → **shine like the stars, for ever and ever.** A reward time can’t touch.

3️ First to Receive

2 Timothy 2:6 (NIV)

> *“The **hardworking farmer** should be the **first to receive a share of the crops**.”*

You sowed → you’re **first in line** to receive.

4️ Live by the Gospel

1 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

> *“If we have **sown spiritual seed** among you, is it too much if we **reap a material harvest** from you?”*

1 Corinthians 9:14 (NIV)

> *“In the same way, the Lord has commanded that* ***those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel****.”*

Galatians 6:6 (NIV)

> *“Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should* ***share all good things with their instructor****.”*

Highlight: This isn’t an afterthought — it’s a **command** from the Lord himself.

The Takeaway

Two trees. Two roads. Two outcomes. The gospel you carry decides which one you walk.

#	Blessing	Promise	Verse
1 □	**Double blessings**	Double honour + double portion	1 Tim 5:17 · Isa 61:6–7
2 □	**Everlasting**	Shine like the stars forever	Dan 12:3
3 □	**First to receive**	The farmer eats first	2 Tim 2:6
4 □	**Live by the gospel**	Preachers are provided for	1 Cor 9:11,14 · Gal 6:6

Eat from the **Tree of Life**. Hold the truth tightly. Look at Jesus, not the problem. Share the true gospel faithfully — and the God who *gave himself to rescue you* will pour out blessing, just as he gave Job **double**.

Based on a Friday Bible Study on Galatians 1. Share it with someone who needs it today.