

TRADING DOWN Romans 6:4; 1John 3:13-24

4. What are some of those listed in question number three that plague you?

To tamper with the gospel is to trouble the Church. The greatest danger does not come from (now as then) those outside who oppose, ridicule and persecute it, but those inside who try to change the gospel. The best way to serve the Church is to believe and to preach the gospel.

John Stott

5. Think hard on this one – don't give up! Paul was astonished that the Galatians, "called to live in the grace of Christ" were on the verge of embracing a "grace plus" belief. How prevalent do you think it is?

What's at stake – the gospel itself

The error of addition: we say God needs our help to save us.

What makes this so attractive?

The error of box-checking – loving God by doing a series of "churchy things" without really having a life-changing relationship.

What are some "pluses" that you might add if you were going to add something?

You can't follow Christ on Twitter. (You feel like you know him but you really just know a little about him)

Its dangers:

- We compartmentalize our lives into religious and secular. No effect on our lives.
- We check off the boxes and nothing internal happens. We get disillusioned and walk away.

A unique greeting

From a strong voice

To a basic restatement

Why it's different

The most dangerous aspect of the evil age - it's too subtle.
You're not alert if you're not aware.

Four words to characterize an astonished rebuke

Desertion

Confusion and perversion

Condemnation

Small Group Homework - Week of April 23, 2017

Getting to know you

We started a new series this week on Galatians, "One Faith, One Family." Was there anything in the message that particularly disturbed, challenged, or encouraged you?

Digging deeper

1. In Galatians 1:3-5, then 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
The problem with the Corinthians seemed to be behavioral while the Galatians seemed to be doctrinal, yet in both cases Paul appeals to the gospel. The Galatians were in danger of desertion. What was the response of the Corinthians in 15:1-2? How do you do what the Corinthians did?
2. In Galatians 1, what does Paul call what the Galatians were deserting to and what does he call what they were moving toward? (v. 1:6-7)
3. Christ's death rescues us from "this evil age" (Galatians 6:3) although right now the struggle still goes on. What are some of the characteristics or influences of this evil age that we need rescuing from? List and discuss some obvious and some not so obvious.