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Php 3:9 ...not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

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Hungering and Thirsting for God's Word (Part 13) (October 18, 2026)

His Word Never Changes

Sermon Text: Galatians 1:6-10

Scripture Reading: Galatians 1

2Ti 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (17) so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

God is immutable. You hear the word *mutation* in this. It means *change*. When something mutates, it changes. But God is IM-mutable. He is just as that hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" puts it:

There is no shadow of turning
with Thee.

Thou changest not, Thy
compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever
wilt be.

The passage in Jeremiah's
Lamentations which this hymn is
taken from is:

This I recall to my mind, Therefore
I have hope. The LORD'S
lovingkindnesses indeed never

cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. (Lam 3:21-23)

We so easily forget this truth about God. His *immutability*. He does not change. And therefore:

Because God never changes, neither does His Word change. His Word is truth and truth is always truth, the same.

As we continue now to consider the Word of God and how, as Paul put it, His Word is profitable for *teaching, rebuke, correction, and training in righteousness*, let's think further about this subject – the Word of God never changes.

No Other Gospel

The churches in Galatia had been established through the preaching of the Apostle Paul. False teachers had come in right on the heels of Paul's departure and brought with them "another gospel." And the Galatians fell for it very quickly.

Paul was astonished when he heard about this:

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; (Gal 1:6)

That word Paul used for "deserting" can be translated by words such as *exchange, change sides*. Already then Paul is introducing this:

But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? (Gal 4:9)

And –

Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be

justified by law; you have fallen from grace. (Gal 5:2-4)

The Galatians had *made an exchange and thus they had changed sides*. What do we see here? It is this:

God's Word never changes because God never changes. The gospel, therefore, never changes. Because of this:

Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited. (Heb 13:7-9)

...there is no other gospel. And because the Lord is the same always, His Word is always the same. The Bible we read and believe is the same that Paul believed and preached. The 15th

century reformers preached it. Rome tried (and still tries) to pervert and suppress it. Calvin, Luther, Whitfield, Spurgeon, Lloyd Jones – all preached this same Word. Our confessions of faith and catechisms declare it.

And yet, the Galatians had very quickly and foolishly changed sides. They received a false gospel which is no gospel at all. And so Paul rebukes them sternly-

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! (Gal 1:8-9)

You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? (Gal 3:1)

Listen to John Calvin in his sermon on this:

“In fact, what Paul says here about the Galatians is far too much in evidence today. Those who have been taught the gospel become discontented after three years (so to speak) if they do not have some novelty or other, for they have ‘itching ears.’ Many vain people backslide because they are not content with the truth in the gospel. They always want to be moving house, as it were, because they need some new thing to feed their foolish imaginations.

Others grow dissatisfied when they see that the gospel has not brought them any of the world’s goods. There are even some who turn away when they find that they may well be persecuted, and have many enemies. They will have to suffer while others prosper (or so they think). Thus, you can see how many desert our Lord Jesus Christ very quickly.” [Sermons on Galatians, Calvin, Banner of Truth]

The history of the church is filled with deserters who change sides, and we must see such desertions for what they are:

We cannot have Christ and another gospel. To embrace a lie necessarily means a desertion from God’s truth. His Word never changes.

Consider what this looked like in Galatia. Professing Christians so very often regard some addition to or subtraction from God’s Word as a very minor thing. But in fact any addition or subtraction is to desert Christ. It is to deny the one and only Way of salvation. The Galatian error seemed like a small thing. These false teachers had “simply” told them that they needed to continue to observe the Law as well as believe in Christ. But this “small addition” actually created a gospel that was not gospel and which could not save. Consider this word “sever.” –

And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. You have been **severed** from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. (Gal 5:3-4)

There is the gospel. There is Christ. There is truth. To add or to subtract anything from the Word of God is to be cut off entirely from it. It is to deny it completely. And yet this is exactly what false teachers do.

NOTE: one of the first things these heretics will do is to work to discredit, mock, and accuse God's true messengers, just as these heretics in Galatian did to Paul. Why? Because they want to separate people from the truth of God's Word and lead them to believe the lie and follow them instead of Christ. Those heretics that came into the church at Corinth did this very thing, attacking Paul's manner of preaching, his physical appearance, his humility. This is Satan's style.

For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this **beautifully**. (2Co 11:4)

The Galatians went "all in" for this false gospel, just as the Corinthians had. It excited their flesh.

And so it is Today

Consider how quickly professing Christians today bear "beautifully" with these heresies which separate them from Christ:

- Rome: Rome professes faith in Christ, declares His deity, His death on the cross, His resurrection, His return in judgment. And yet Rome adds works to faith. Baptism justifies. The Lord's supper is the continuing sacrifice of Christ. On and on the heresy goes. And YET, so many "bear with this other Jesus, other spirit and other gospel beautifully."
- Church of Christ and Christian church add the work of baptism to faith as well, baptism by immersion being necessary for salvation. The church of christ denies original sin. Claims to be the

one true church. And yet how quickly myriads of so-called Christians run to it.

- Nazarene church.

A signature Nazarene doctrine is the belief in **entire sanctification** as a second work of grace subsequent to regeneration. They teach that the Holy Spirit can cleanse a believer's heart from original sin and empower them to live a life fully devoted and obedient to God. Teaches that a real Christian can lose their salvation. All people have a free will and the ability to choose or reject Christ. They ordain both men and women to ministry (elders).

- The youtube "Christian" world. As Charles Spurgeon said, the church will become clowns preaching to the goats. There are myriads of such examples in social media. Millions embrace their false teachings.

But What does God's Word Say?

When Peter at Antioch wavered and started showing favoritism to "the party of the circumcision," and thus avoiding eating with the Gentile believers there, Paul immediately confronted him in the presence of all. The Jewish believers had started doing the same. We might think that certainly this was no big deal, but Paul said:

But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews? (Gal 2:14)

And-

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes

through the Law, then Christ died needlessly." (Gal 2:20-21)

Understand? Any addition to the gospel, to faith alone in Christ alone, is another gospel. It separates from the grace of God in Jesus Christ and cannot save. God's Word never changes. And Paul will go on to show the Galatians that faith alone apart from works has ALWAYS been the Word of God:

Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer. (Gal 3:6-9)

Paul wrote to the churches extensively and repeatedly on this

– *that God's Word, that God's gospel, never changes.*

Rom 4:1-12 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? (2) For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. (3) For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." (4) Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. (5) But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, (6) just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: (7) "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED. (8) "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT." (9) Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the

uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." (10) How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; (11) and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them, (12) and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

I saw somewhere on social media this statement (there is truth to be found there as well!) –

“If Paul were still alive, we would be receiving a letter.”

“We” being the visible church. The letter would be one like this letter to the Galatians – “I am amazed

that you are so quickly deserting Christ!”

Here is Lloyd-Jones, preaching on Romans 11, making application of this passage:

Rom 11:1-5 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. (2) God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? (3) "Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE." (4) But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL." (5) In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice.

“Let us note a warning here which is much-needed at the present time. It is this: *Do not be carried away by numbers*. Do not follow the crowd. In the time of Elijah, almost everybody was on the wrong side; the king and queen and all the prophets. No one knew about the 7,000. But Elijah did not say, ‘Well, I must be wrong; I cannot alone be right and all those men wrong.’

That is what people are trying to get us to think today about the ecumenical movement. ‘Who are you to stand against this?’ I say, thank God for this story of Elijah! It does not matter if the whole world says the other thing; do not follow the crowd, do not assume that the numbers are always right.

You do not judge these matters by numbers; it is truth that matters. I stand with a man like Elijah, Martin Luther standing alone – standing against 15 centuries of Roman Catholic tradition and teaching, all the great doctors of the

church arrayed against him. It does not matter, he knows what is true. I think that we need to learn this great lesson which comes out of this doctrine of the remnant at the present time. The whole atmosphere is against this today. They do not like remnants, they are thinking in terms of amalgamations, of numbers, of a world church and so on and who are YOU to stand away from them? So you will be vilified and criticized. Don’t worry, my friends; don’t think in terms of numbers. It is truth that matters – not numbers, not popularity, not any one of those things. This is a great warning to us here.” [Exposition of Romans 11, Lloyd Jones, Banner of Truth]

Stand! Stand firm! God’s Word never changes!

Eph 6:10-18 Finally, **be strong in the Lord** and in the strength of His might. (11) Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to **stand firm** against the schemes of the devil. (12) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but

against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. (13) Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that **you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. (14) Stand firm** therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, (15) and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; (16) in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. (17) And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (18) With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints...

God's Word, His truth which never changes because HE never changes and thus His promises are sure and

certain, is our armor and our sword. Our defense and our offense against Satan. ALL of these additions to and subtractions from the gospel are from the devil. They are intended to separate us from Christ by separating us from His Word. If we do not believe His Word in its entirety, we are handing over our armor and our sword to the enemy. That is to say, we are surrendering to the devil.

Most of you know who Ken Ham is. He has been fighting for the truth of God's Word for decades now, looking specifically to "Answers in Genesis." He maintains, and I believe rightly so, that if we do not get the beginning right, if we do not believe what God has said right at the start of His Word, then we will get the rest of it wrong.

If we go wrong on Genesis

When I went to college I focused on science and math and took lots of biology classes – botany, zoology, cytology (the study of the cell) and so on. The entire system was based on the lie of evolution.

The entire system, for instance of what we call *taxonomy*, would have to be re-written if the lie of evolution were rejected. Why? Because the families and classifications of plants and animals, including man, is organized by what level of evolution some organism is judged to be. So, for instance, the *gymnosperms* (ie, the cone-bearing plants) are placed in that order because they are regarded as being less advanced in evolution than the *angiosperms* (the flower/fruit bearing plants). Why? Because a “naked” (gymnos) seed is said to be less advanced than a seed enclosed in a fruit.

Now, science comes along (Darwin, etc) and introduces us to the evolutionary process, rejecting the 6-days of creation of Genesis 1. In fact, what is really being rejected is God Himself as Creator, as the one who spoke all things into being from nothing (something evolution has no answer for – because something cannot come from nothing).

If, therefore, we go wrong at the start, we are bound to go wrong in our entire trek through God’s Word. And yet this is exactly what our entire education system from grade school through university is teaching. It leads to the mess we see in our nation today. No God. Just the non-entity called “evolution.”

NOTE: When I graduated from college with that biology degree, *I had no clear concept of the so-called geologic ages or the order in which things were supposed to have happened.* Why? Because my teachers were foggy themselves. Many lectures I heard were excuses and defenses – so called “explanations” for the gaps in the fossil record.

You cannot embrace evolution and follow Christ. Why? Because it is opposed to God’s Word. But God’s Word never changes – not from Moses to Christ. Never. God is the same, and His Word is the same.

But What About Luther?

Someone might object, saying “Martin Luther brought in something new. He introduced a new understanding of Paul. So did the reformers.”

But Luther and the other Reformers were just doing what Paul did – taking the Bible and demonstrating that what they were teaching WAS NOT new, but had been the same from the beginning. It was Rome that had veered from the truth.

Heb 11:1-10 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (2) For by it the men of old gained approval. (3) By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. (4) By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. (5) By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE

GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. (6) And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. (7) By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. (8) By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. (9) By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; (10) for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Do not follow the crowd. Expect to stand alone. And remember, in doing so, you are not alone.