



**Big Idea: Insist on the authentic Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

-- Stand boldly for the authentic *Gospel* (v. 2).

-- Paul was determined to fight for the truth.

-- v. 2a – "...dogs..." – This is very severe language.

-- Paul uses blunt language to highlight how detestable false "gospels" are to God (Galatians 1:6-9).

-- Because the Gospel is the only hope for the world, we must not misunderstand or compromise its essential truths.

-- The supreme glory of God is revealed in the Gospel. To misrepresent it is to misrepresent God.

-- v. 2b – "...those mutilators of the flesh."

-- Paul is rebuking Judaizers who insisted that *Circumcision* was necessary for salvation (Galatians 5:1-12).

-- God detests external religion because it denies absolute sufficiency of Christ.

-- Jesus + *Anything* = false gospel.

-- Beware of so-called "gospels" that say, "You must believe in Jesus and..."

-- Anything that diminishes our complete dependence on Christ is, as Paul says, "rubbish" (v. 8).

-- The false teachers who infiltrated the church in Philippi said, "You must believe in Jesus *and you must be circumcised.*"

- Any doctrine of salvation that depends upon anything except Jesus Christ is detestable to God.
- **Jesus + *Nothing* = everything (Colossians 2:9-20).**
- The whole thrust of redemptive history is articulated in this one phrase:  
*"You are complete through your union with Christ"* (Heb. 10:14).
- Authentic faith has one consuming passion: Jesus Christ. No other desire can be at the heart of authentic faith (Gal. 6:14, Phil. 3:7-14).