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The Tragedy of Spiritual Desertion

Galatians 1:6-10

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Notes:

Desertion:

- to forsake or leave one's duty or obligation
- to fail (someone) at a time of need

Jude 3-4

Spiritual desertion occurs when people move away from the truth of God's Word or when they distort and deny the testimony of faith in Jesus Christ.

Notes:

Spiritual desertion occurs in life for many reasons. Examples:

- Peter—**Matthew 26:72**
- Demas—**2 Timothy 4:9-10**
- Church at Ephesus—**Revelation 2:4**

Galatians 1:3-10

Spiritual Desertion Takes Place on _____ Fronts

1. Deserting the _____ of the
Gospel— _____

Galatians 1:6-7

Notes:

John 3:16

2 Corinthians 5:21

2 Corinthians 8:9

Notes:

Galatians 4:8-9

Philippians 3:7-8, 10-11

“The gospel is not just supposed to be our ticket into heaven, it is to be an entirely new basis of how we relate to God, ourselves and others. It is the source from which everything else flows...the goal of the gospel is not just that we pass some kind of test by accurately recounting the importance of Jesus. The goal of the gospel is to produce a type of people consumed with passion for God and love for others...Being converted to Jesus is not just about learning to obey some rules. Being converted to Jesus is learning to so adore God

that we would gladly renounce everything we have to follow Him.” —J.D. Greear

2. Deserting the _____ of the Gospel—_____

Galatians 1:6-7

Notes:

“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed than we ever dared believe, yet at the same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”

—Timothy Keller

Galatians 1:14

*O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

—Robert Robinson

Notes:

“Faith in the gospel re-structures our motivations, our self-understanding and identity, and our view of the world. Behavioral compliance to rules without heart-change will be superficial and fleeting. The gospel changes your heart.” —Timothy Keller

3. Deserting the _____ of the Gospel— _____

Galatians 1:4

Notes:

Galatians 3:13-14



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