

Galatians 5:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be. Despite rebuke, Paul expresses hope. "I have confidence in you" (egō pepoitha eis hymas, ἐγὼ πέποιθα εἰς ὑμᾶς)—I trust, have confidence regarding you. Perfect tense indicates settled confidence. "Through the Lord" (en kyriō, ἐν κυρίῳ)—in the Lord, grounded in the Lord's power, not their inherent stability. Paul's confidence rests on God's ability to preserve them, not their strength.

"That ye will be none otherwise minded" (hoti ouden allo phronēsete)—that you'll think nothing different, won't adopt contrary views. He trusts they'll reject the Judaizers. "But he that troubleth you" (ho de tarassōn hymas, ὁ δὲ ταράσσων ὑμᾶς)—the one disturbing, unsettling you. "Shall bear his judgment" (bastasei to krima, βαστάσει τὸ κρίμα)—will carry, bear God's judgment. "Whosoever he be" (hostis ean ē)—whoever he is, regardless of status or authority. Even if an apostle preached contrary gospel, he'd be accursed (1:8-9). False teachers face severe divine judgment for perverting the gospel and destroying souls.

Historical Context

Paul balances pastoral hope with prophetic warning. He believes the Galatians will ultimately return to sound doctrine, but pronounces judgment on the false teachers leading them astray. Teachers bear greater accountability (James 3:1).

Those who corrupt the gospel—the most precious truth—face devastating judgment. This warns against treating doctrinal error lightly or tolerating false teachers in the name of niceness or tolerance. Love for truth and souls requires confronting and excluding those who pervert the gospel.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Paul has confidence that the Galatians will reject the false teachers—do you have similar confidence in your church to discern and reject error?
2. The troubler 'shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be'—why does Paul emphasize that even influential false teachers face God's judgment?
3. When should the church show patience toward confused believers versus severity toward those deliberately perverting the gospel?

Interlinear Text

ἐγὼ	πέποιθα	εἰς	ὑμᾶς	ἐν	κυρίῳ	ὅτι	οὐδὲν
I	have confidence	in	you	through	the Lord	that	none
G1473	G3982	G1519	G5209	G1722	G2962	G3754	G3762

ἄλλο	φρονήσετε·	ό	δὲ	ταράσσων	ὑμᾶς	βαστάσει
otherwise	minded	G3588	but	he that troubleth	you	shall bear
G243	G5426	G1161	G5015	G5209	G941	

τὸ	κρίμα	ὅστις	ἄν	ἢ
G3588	his judgment	whosoever	he be	G5600
G2917	G3748	G302		

Additional Cross-References

Galatians 5:12 (Parallel theme): I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

2 Corinthians 2:3 (Parallel theme): And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

Galatians 1:7 (Parallel theme): Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 3:15 (Parallel theme): Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Acts 15:24 (Parallel theme): Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

1 Corinthians 5:5 (References Lord): To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:20 (Parallel theme): Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2 Corinthians 10:6 (Parallel theme): And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Galatians 2:6 (Parallel theme): But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:

Galatians 2:4 (Parallel theme): And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: