

But Though We, or an Angel From Heaven, Preach Any Other Gospel Unto You Than That Which We Have Preached Unto You, Let Him Be Accursed.

by Martin Luther

Paul emphasizes the importance of the Gospel and the consequences of preaching a different one, even going so far as to curse himself and others.

Scripture: Romans 1:16, 2 Corinthians 11:14, Galatians 1:8, 2 Timothy 3:16

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Description

Martin Luther emphasizes Paul's unwavering zeal for the Gospel, expressing his willingness to be cursed, along with angels, rather than see the Gospel undermined. Paul's deep conviction leads him to declare curses on himself and others, including heavenly beings, to protect the purity of the Gospel he preached to the Galatians, which he asserts is the only true Gospel revealed in the Sacred Scriptures.

Transcript

Paul's zeal for the Gospel becomes so fervent that it almost leads him to curse angels. "I would rather that I, my brethren, yes, the angels of heaven be anathematized than that my gospel be overthrown."

The Greek word anathema, Hebrew herem, means to accurse, execrate, to damn. Paul first (hypothetically) curses himself. Knowing persons first find fault with themselves in order that they may all the more earnestly reprove others.

Paul maintains that there is no other gospel besides the one he had preached to the Galatians. He preached, not a gospel of his own invention, but the very same Gospel God had long ago prescribed in the Sacred Scriptures. No wonder Paul pronounces curses upon himself and upon others, 30 upon the angels of heaven, if anyone should dare to preach any other gospel than Christ's own.

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