

# MESSAGE NOTES

## Who's Approval are You Seeking?

Galatians 1:6-10 Loyd Flaherty

#### 1. Wanting to Be Liked

Everyone, especially when they are young, likes to be liked. But as we grow up, it's important to learn that we should not change who we are just to make others like us more.

### 2. Choosing Whom to Please: People or God?

This big question is about who we are trying to get approval from: is it other people, or is it God? If we spend all our time trying to be liked by everyone, we might lose track of being true followers of Jesus.

#### 3. The Problem with Changing What We Believe

Sometimes, people change what they believe just so others will like them more. For example, in the Bible, there was a time when some people started to change Jesus 'teachings to make others happy. But this is dangerous. If we start doing this we are not really following Jesus anymore.

Galatians 1:6-10 "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! 10 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

**Conclusion:** Being True and Seeking God's Approval

In the end, what matters most is not whether everyone likes us, but if we are living the way God wants us to. Then we will be living in the grace and peace of God.