The Gospel is God's Gift of Grace through Jesus Christ Galatians 1:6-9

The Apostle Paul reveals a ______ heart.

Pastoral pain is especially deep when those you've invested in ______, especially when they turn to a false gospel.

Those who mix grace and works are _____ by the Apostle Paul.

How can believers ensure that they are not adding works to grace?

- 1. Recognize and ______ that Christ did for you what you could not do for yourself: He kept the covenant of ______ and by it pleased God.
- 2. Affirm the Solas of the Reformation often.
 Sola ______ scripture alone is our authority.
 Sola ______ faith alone is the instrument through which we are justified.
 Solus ______ Christ alone is the object of our faith so that we trust only in Him.
 Sola ______ Grace alone without any works done by us is the means of our salvation.
 Soli ______ Gloria all of this is for the glory of God alone.
- 3. Guard against finding your ______ in the things you do or want.

We come to church not primarily to worship but to receive once again the life-sustaining Bread of Life in the variety of ways His word comes to us. We come not to do something again, but to have something done to us again; not to join various causes and kingdoms of this age, but because Christ has "made us a kingdom and priest to our God.

Jonathan Landry Cruse, *What Happens When We Worship*, (Grand Rapids: Reformation Heritage Books, 2020), xii, Forward by Michael Horton

A man labors for a decade before he succeeds in training his little church into orderly religion, and then some ignorant and vicious poltroon [coward] comes along to overthrow in a minute the patient labor of years...This happy condition, secured by years of arduous labors, some lunatic might spoil in a moment. Martin Luther, Luther's Commentary on Galatians, p. 20

Note the resourcefulness of the devil. Heretics do not advertise their errors. Murderers, adulterers, thieves disguise themselves. So the devil masquerades all his devices and activities. He puts on white to make himself look like an angel of light. He is astoundingly clever to sell his patent poison for the Gospel of Christ.

Martin Luther, Luther's Commentary on Galatians, p. 22

"Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee." — Augustine of Hippo, <u>Confessions</u>