

**The Fear of Man is a Snare, So Trust Only in the Lord  
Galatians 1:10**

The apostle Paul was apparently being accused of being a people pleaser in his \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_.

By attempting to not be a stumbling block to Jews, he submitted to their \_\_\_\_\_ practices without \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel of grace.

Paul was preaching a message that clearly did not \_\_\_\_\_ man.

Reducing the gospel to that which pleases the \_\_\_\_\_, makes it no \_\_\_\_\_ at all.

Being a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ is more important than having man's \_\_\_\_\_.

*It is much more satisfactory to take him to mean that he persuades men, not God, and pleases God, not men; indeed, he pleases God by persuading men.*

Bruce, F. F. 1982. *The Epistle to the Galatians: A Commentary on the Greek Text*. New International Greek Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Co.

*The implied charge being that, by preaching a law-free gospel, Paul was pleasing men by making the way of salvation easier for them and trying to persuade God to accept them on less arduous terms than those laid down in the law.*

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*Godly, upright pastors, will always find it necessary to contend with the offences of those who choose that, on all points, their own wishes shall be gratified; for the Church will always contain hypocrites and wicked men, by whom their own lusts will be preferred to the Word of God.*

John Calvin, *Calvin's Commentaries: Volume XXI*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2003), 37

*Those who resolve to serve Christ faithfully, must have boldness to despise the favour of men.*

John Calvin, *Calvin's Commentaries: Volume XXI*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2003), 36

*How they [the words of Galatians 1:10] condemn them whose chief aim is to preach to crowded churches. Yet what grace it requires to swim against the tide of public opinion and preach that which is unacceptable to the natural man. But on the other hand, how fearful will be the doom of those who, from a determination to curry favor with men, deliberately withheld those portions of the truth most needed by their hearers.*

Pink, Arthur Walkington. 2005. *The Doctrines of Election and Justification*. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

*But we, because we endeavour to please God and not men, do stir up against us the malice of the devil and hell itself: we suffer the reproaches and slanders of the world, death and all the mischiefs that can be devised against us.*

Luther, Martin. 1997. *Commentary on Galatians*. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.