

Education Matters

Part 1: Diseducation & Miseducation

Definitions

1. Education – Being rightly formed by the true gospel of Jesus Christ – Gal 1:11–12
2. Diseducation – Drifting away from truth through neglect or disengagement – Gal 1:6; Heb 2:1
3. Miseducation – Being actively taught a distorted or false gospel – Gal 1:6–7

Diseducation

- ❖ Paul is astonished that believers are turning away so quickly – Gal 1:6
- ❖ Turning away happens through drift, not outright denial – Heb 2:1
- ❖ Truth not reinforced becomes truth easily abandoned – Hos 4:6
- ❖ Neglect weakens discernment and spiritual stability – Col 2:6–8

Miseducation

- ❖ A “different gospel” is being taught, not misunderstood – Gal 1:6–7
- ❖ Distortion does not remove Christ—it adds to Him –Gal 1:7; Col 2:8
- ❖ Performance and law replace grace – Gal 1:6; Eph 2:8–9
- ❖ Grace is exchanged for pressure – Gal 5:1

Diseducation Creates the Door for Miseducation

- ❖ Drift prepares hearts to accept distortion – Eph 4:14
- ❖ Weak grounding makes deception believable – 2 Tim 4:3–4
- ❖ What is no longer taught clearly will be replaced quietly – Act 20:29–30

➔ **What you stop learning correctly, you will soon learn incorrectly.**

Part 2: False Teaching

Why People Teach the Word Falsely

1. Desire to Please People
 - Truth is softened to avoid offense – Gal 1:10
 - Approval becomes the goal – Joh 12:42–43
 - Faithfulness is sacrificed for popularity – 1The 2:4
2. Desire for Power or Control
 - Added rules create dependency – Mat 23:4
 - Performance-based faith allows manipulation – Col 2:20–23
 - Control replaces freedom – 2 Pet 2:1–3
3. Desire for Acceptance or Belonging
 - Truth is adjusted to fit culture – Rom 12:2
 - Fear of rejection leads to compromise – Jam 4:4
 - Belonging outweighs believing – 2 Tim 3:1–5
4. Desire to Protect Tradition
 - Tradition overrides God's command – Mar 7:8–9
 - Familiar systems are defended over truth – Mat 15:3
 - Human tradition replaces grace – Col 2:8
5. Lack of Divine Revelation
 - Teaching rooted in opinion rather than revelation – Gal 1:11–12
 - Human wisdom replaces divine authority – Jer 23:16
 - Instruction without revelation leads to distortion – 1 Cor 2:12–14

Part 3: Cliques

How Paul Addressed Cliques

1. Paul Refused to Align with Any Clique

- He rejected pressure to please influential groups – Gal 1:10
- He refused to shape the gospel to fit factions – 1 Cor 1:12–13
- His allegiance was to Christ alone – Gal 1:10

2. Paul Undermined Clique Authority Through Revelation

- The gospel came from God, not groups – Gal 1:11–12
- Truth is not validated by reputation or majority opinion – Act 5:29
- Revelation outranks association – Mat 16:17

3. Paul Exposed Clique Loyalty as Gospel Distortion

- Loyalty to teachers replaced loyalty to Christ – 1 Cor 1:10–11
- Group identity normalized error – 2 Cor 11:3–4
- Identity shifted from Christ to community – Col 2:19

4. Paul Used Strong Language to Break Clique Control

- Paul pronounced judgment on distortion – Gal 1:8–9
- Truth outweighed surface unity – Eph 4:15
- Correction disrupted unhealthy agreement – Tit 1:10–11

5. Paul Re-Centered the Church on the Gospel, Not Groups

- Paul refused to form a counter-clique – 1 Cor 3:5–7
- Christ alone became the center – Col 1:18
- Grace unified what factions divided – Eph 2:14–16

Key Points from Galatians 1

- ❖ The gospel is not open to revision – Gal 1:8–9
- ❖ Authority comes from God, not platforms – Gal 1:1
- ❖ Even respected voices must be rejected if they distort Christ – Gal 1:8
- ❖ True gospel teaching always returns believers to grace – Eph 2:8–9

Freedom, Formation & Fruit (Galatians 4–6)

Part 1: From Slavery to Sonship (Chapter 4)

- ❖ Identity Determines Experience
 - God sent His Son to redeem those under the law – Gal 4:4–5
 - You are no longer a slave but a son – Gal 4:7
 - Sonship replaces fear with relationship – Rom 8:15
- ❖ Returning to Bondage Is Spiritual Regression
 - How can you turn back again? – Gal 4:9
 - Legalism feels structured but produces slavery – Gal 4:10
 - Education that ignores identity creates insecurity
- ❖ Two Covenants, Two Systems
 - Hagar corresponds to slavery – Gal 4:24–25
 - Sarah corresponds to freedom – Gal 4:26
 - We are children of promise – Gal 4:28

Part 2: Stand Fast in Freedom (Chapter 5)

- ❖ Freedom Must Be Guarded
 - Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ made us free – Gal 5:1
 - A little leaven leavens the whole lump – Gal 5:9
 - Grace must not be diluted
- ❖ Freedom Is Not License
 - Do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh – Gal 5:13
 - Faith works through love – Gal 5:6
 - Love fulfills the law – Gal 5:14
- ❖ The Spirit vs. The Flesh
 - Walk in the Spirit – Gal 5:16
 - The works of the flesh are evident – Gal 5:19–21
 - The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace... – Gal 5:22–23

Part 3: Crucifying the Flesh

- ❖ The Flesh Must Be Actively Put to Death
 - Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh – Gal 5:24
 - Freedom requires discipline – 1 Cor 9:27
 - Spiritual growth demands intentionality
- ❖ Walking Requires Continuity
 - If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit – Gal 5:25
 - Spiritual life must be consistent, not occasional – Col 2:6
 - Pride reopens the door to division – Gal 5:26

Part 4: Restoration & Responsibility (Chapter 6)

- ❖ Spiritual Maturity Restores
 - Restore such a one in gentleness – Gal 6:1
 - Bear one another's burdens – Gal 6:2
 - Mercy fulfills the law of Christ – James 2:13
- ❖ Personal Accountability Is Required
 - Examine your own work – Gal 6:4
 - Each one shall bear his own load – Gal 6:5
 - Growth cannot be outsourced
- ❖ Sowing & Reaping Is Inevitable
 - God is not mocked – Gal 6:7
 - Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap – Gal 6:7
 - Do not grow weary in doing good – Gal 6:9
- ❖ Education matters because what you believe determines what you plant—and what you plant determines what you harvest.

Part 5: Boasting in the Cross

- ❖ External Religion Is Not Transformation
 - Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh – Gal 6:12
 - Religious performance seeks approval
- ❖ The Cross Is the Only Boast
 - Far be it from me to boast except in the cross – Gal 6:14
 - The world has been crucified to me – Gal 6:14
- ❖ New Creation Is the Evidence
 - A new creation – Gal 6:15
 - Peace and mercy follow those who walk by this rule – Gal 6:16
- ❖ Education matters because the goal of gospel teaching is new creation, not religious performance.

Key Summary Statements

- ❖ Sonship replaces slavery – Gal. 4:7
- ❖ Freedom must be guarded and governed by love – Gal. 5:13
- ❖ The Spirit produces what law cannot – Gal. 5:22-23
- ❖ Restoration proves maturity – Gal. 6:1
- ❖ Sowing determines reaping – Gal. 6:7
- ❖ The cross eliminates boasting – Gal. 6:14
- ❖ New creation is the ultimate evidence of true gospel education – Gal. 6:15