

# ***Gk-101 Introduction to Hebrew and Greek***

## ***Devotional***

October 30, 2014

*God validates the Gospel,  
not the church  
nor any group of men*



# Galatians 1:6-24 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup>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—<sup>7</sup>which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>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! <sup>9</sup>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! <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup>I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup>For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup>But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup>to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.

<sup>17</sup>I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. <sup>18</sup>Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days.

<sup>19</sup>I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup>I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. <sup>21</sup>Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup>I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup>They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." <sup>24</sup>And they praised God because of me.

Join me in singing

# 10 THOUSAND REASONS ( TO BLESS THE LORD )



A serene sunset scene over the ocean. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the center-right of the frame, partially obscured by dark, jagged rock formations. The sky transitions from a pale yellow near the horizon to a soft, hazy blue at the top. The water in the foreground is dark with gentle ripples, reflecting the warm light of the setting sun. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Ten Thousand Reasons  
(Bless the Lord)

## Quotable:

“Men may not read the Gospel in sealskin,  
or the Gospel in morocco, or the  
Gospel in cloth covers, but they can’t  
get away from the Gospel in shoe  
leather.”

—Donald Gray Barnhouse\*

\*Donald was an early 20<sup>th</sup> century preacher, pastor, theologian, radio host and writer. He was pastor at the 10<sup>th</sup> Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from 1927 to his death in 1960. His radio show continues to be rebroadcast to this day.