Introduction:
A. The Galatians had “run well,” but were now hindered:
   1. By those who preached a perverted gospel – probably Judizers (1:6-7)
B. Christians must run well as individuals and congregations.
C. Only the gospel that Paul (and other apostles) preached can make us run well.
D. Let us look at some characteristics of the gospel that Paul preached:

Discussion:
I. It Was Revealed (v. 12).
   A. Apostles and prophets received it by revelation (Gal. 1:11-23; Eph. 3:3-6)
      1. Claimed direct revelation, but anyone can claim it.
      2. Confirmed direct revelation by objective supernatural proof (Heb. 2:3,4; cf. Matt. 9:1-8).
   B. The rest of us received it from their preaching (Gal. 1:8, 9; cf. 1 Cor. 1:21)

II. It Was Narrow (vv. 8,9).
   A. It allowed people to follow only one God, one Lord, and one Spirit (Eph. 4:4-6)
   B. It brought people together in one faith and body by one baptism (cf. Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 12:13)
   C. It produced in people one hope (cf. 1 Cor. 15:19-24; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)

III. It Was Pure (v. 7).
   A. Perverted gospel transforms it “into something of opposite character” (Vine)
      1. “Sun turned (perverted) into darkness” (Acts 2:20)
      2. “Laughter turned (converted) into mourning (Jas. 4:9)
      3. Another, yet not another (cf. Same ax)
   B. Perverted gospel produces perverted results.
      1. A perverted God = Idolatry, Non-punishing, Uninvolved, All tolerant.
      2. A perverted Lord = An earthly king, personal savior to all who call him Lord.
      3. A perverted Spirit = Direct operation and guidance.
      4. A perverted baptism = Sprinkling and pouring.
      5. A perverted faith = Mormonism, humanism, modernism.
      6. A perverted hope = premillenialism, social gospel, date-setters.
      7. A perverted body = Catholic, protestant, liberal, etc.

Conclusion:
A. Begin to run well by obeying the gospel that Paul preached.
B. Continue to run well by obeying the gospel that Paul preached.