

**Romans 16:17-20 – Gospel watchfulness****Beware lest you fall**

**1 Cor 10:11-12** *“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfilment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!”*

**Adelaide Anglican churches that**

- no longer teach God’s word
- no longer proclaim the gospel
- no longer follow God of the bible

**The warning in Romans**

**Romans 16:19** *“Everyone has heard of your obedience, so I am full of joy over you”.*

**v17** ... strongly urged to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in their way that are contrary to what they have learned.

**v18...** they have smooth talk and they use flattery to lure people astray.

**Galatians 1:6**, *“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!”*

**v 18** ... not serving God but themselves.

**v 20** ... who is going to win.

**Watching out today****1) Watch out**

**a) Obvious false teaching to avoid**

**b) Subtle false teaching to avoid**

**A failure to teach the biblical gospel**

**... when the gospel is forgotten, ignored, replaced**

**... when they refuse to define the gospel**

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**c) More palatable false teaching**

... moving the gospel to the edge

... the gospel of love

... the prosperity gospel

... self improvement gospel

**Popular ‘isms’ – Pluralism, Universalism, Moralism, Legalism**

**d) Flee them**

**2) Centrality of the gospel and the authority of scripture**

... keep the biblical gospel clear and central

**Romans 12:2 – “be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you might know what God’s will is, his good pleasing and perfect will”**