

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOSPEL

Galatians 1:6-9

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: There are many, many different kinds of churches today, so which one is right? They can't all be right because if they all believed alike, there would be only one "church." There was trouble when the church first started for there were members who began to teach and preach things different from what the first church was founded upon. The same is happening today for the "doctrines" (teaching, preaching) varies from denomination to denomination. Which is right? If one studies the Bible he/she will find that God has only ONE message and that there is but ONE Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. THE CHURCH WAS STARTED ON GOD'S GOSPEL (Galatians 1:4-5)

1. The message of the gospel that the Church was started on was/is that Jesus Christ died to rescue believers from the evil and sin of the world.
 - Jesus died that believers might be delivered from sin and death and live eternally with God in a new heaven and earth.
 - Any person who looks upon Jesus, truly believing that Jesus took his/her sins upon Himself and died for them, God counts that belief as actually happening and God then sees that believing person as sinless and perfect.
 - Even with saving faith, a person still sins but God counts that person as being sinless and righteous.
2. God does this to the believer out of eternal, unlimited love.
 - This is the wonderful message of the gospel.
 - No one can earn the acceptance of God and yet only a righteous and perfect person can live in the presence of God.
 - Jesus Christ's death brings justification by grace to the believer.
 - John 1:29; 3:16; Romans 5:6; 8-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Hebrews 2:9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 3:18; 1 John 3:5; 3:16; Revelation 1:5; 5:9

II. SOME TURN TO FALSE TEACHERS/PREACHERS AND THEIR FALSE GOSPEL

1. There are Church members who do not believe the Gospel as it was first preached and add to and take away from the true gospel and ridicule those who preach/teach the true Gospel.
2. There will always be "believers", church members who follow after the false teachers/preachers and in doing so they are turning away from God.
 - Any one who turns away from the true Gospel is turning away from God, not just a church or some principle.
 - It is God who loves, it is Jesus who has died and it is grace that saves.
 - False teachers have a charismatic personality, great sounding ideas and seemingly wisdom of the world.
 - Matthew 24:12; Luke 8:13; 9:62; 11:24-26; Galatians 4:9; Hebrews 10:38; Revelation 2:4
3. A false gospel presents:
 - a different Jesus
 - a different grace
 - a different God
 - a different interpretation of God's love
 - John 3:16; 6:68; 8:24; Acts 4:12; 1 Corinthians 2:2; 3:11
4. A false gospel is a twisted version of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - False teachers/preachers also believe that God loves the world and that He sent Jesus.
 - that Jesus Christ was indeed the Son of God who came.

- that Jesus did actually die on a cross and rise from the dead.
- False teachers, however, add to or take away from the true Gospel, twisting its meaning and making the true Gospel say something entirely different from its original truth.
- God did send His son but only for particular religious people. (favortism)
- Jesus did come but only for the purpose of showing people how to live a good life that pleases God and gets His approval.
- Jesus did die for others, but not for their sin, but to show how committed one should be to God even dying for God's cause.
- The death of Jesus wasn't enough to make anyone acceptable to God, and people need more than the love and grace of God.
- A person must undergo certain rituals such as circumcision, baptism, church membership, etc.
- A person must work to keep the law of God and certain church ceremonies, rituals, rules and regulations.
- A false gospel sounds much like the real Gospel's truths and not everyone notices the difference.
 - Matthew 5:19; 7:15; 22-23; 15:9; 23:13; Acts 20:29-30; Romans 16:17-18; Ephesians 4:17; Philippians 1:15-16 Colossians 2:4; 18-19; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 4:1-3; 6:3-5; 1 John 4:1-5

III. PREACHERS/TEACHERS OF FALSE GOSPELS ARE ACCURSED

1. The true Gospel is the only way by which anyone can be saved from sin, death and condemnation and without it no person is saved.
2. The true Gospel is greater than any preacher, teacher, prophet, disciple, apostle for they are but deliverer's of the message of the true Gospel.
3. The true Gospel is greater than the angels from heaven, for the message of the true Gospel is greater than any angel.
4. The true Gospel is greater than any human being and if any person preaches/teaches any other gospel that person is to be accursed.
5. The preachers/teachers of any false gospel shall suffer a double curse.
 - Eternal punishment under God's wrath, thus an eternal death.
 - This is one of the most severest warnings in all the Scripture and the warning is given to FALSE preachers/teachers.
 - Every unbeliever will suffer at the hands of God at judgment, but how much more will those who are false preachers and teachers suffer at the hands of God's eternal wrath.
 - Matthew 7:15-16, 19; 7:22-23; 23:13-14; 33; 2 Peter 2:12, 176; 3:16; 1 John 4:1

CONCLUSION:

1. The early Church had false preachers/teachers of the true Gospel, preaching, teaching their own version of what they thought the gospel should be like.
 - It has not changed today for there are still false preachers and teachers spreading their own version of how the gospel should be.
2. Christians, beware of any person who seems to be varying from the Biblical account of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Nothing is to be added
 - Nothing is to be taken away
3. Anything other than the true Gospel will condemn a person and an eternity of God's wrath will be received by all who follow such untruths.