

## THE FALSE GOSPEL

Galatians 1:6-7    2 Corinthians 4:3    Proverbs 14:12

**Introduction:** We are all familiar with imitations, look-alikes, counterfeits. The original is copied as closely as possible but it is never and can never be duplicated exactly as the original. Satan is the master counterfeiter. Note some ways he has copied God:

### God:

Only begotten Son, Jesus  
Holy Trinity  
Children of God  
God works His will in His Children  
Mystery of Godliness  
Angels seal God's Children in their foreheads  
The Spirit searches the deep things of God  
Christ did miracles  
Christ has His Church  
Christ is the light of the world  
Christ appointed Apostles  
Jesus planted "wheat"  
Jesus has a Gospel

### Satan:

The Son of Perdition  
Trinity of Evil (Satan, Beast, False Prophet)  
Children of the Wicked One  
Satan works in the children of disobedience  
Mystery of iniquity  
Satan's agents seal his servants also in foreheads  
Satan also provides deep things  
Satan also did/does miracles  
Satan has his rituals and synagogues  
Satan was God's angel of light at one time  
Satan has his apostles also  
Satan planted "tares"  
Satan has his "gospel" also

## I. WHAT IS THIS FALSE GOSPEL?

1. It is not a gospel of revolutionary principles nor a program of open anarchy.
  - It does not promote strife or war nor does it seek to turn family members against one another.
  - It does not seek to drag down natural man.
2. I aims at peace an unity. It seeks to make all mankind "one brotherhood." It appeals to the best that is in man.
  - It advocates education, aims to make this world such a comfortable place that Christ's absence from it would not be missed and God would not be needed.
  - It endeavors to keep man so busy with the world that he has no time or reason to think of the world to come.
  - It promotes self-sacrifice, charity, benevolence and to live for the good of others, being kind to all.
  - **It ignores the solemn true facts about man that he is fallen and alienated from God, dead and has no hope outside Jesus Christ.**
3. This false gospel teaches salvation by "works."
  - Justification before God comes on the grounds of human merit, do good, be good.
  - Salvation is by character, temperance, reform movements, social societies, peace efforts.
  - Substitutes the pledge card for Christ, social purity for being born again, politics and

- philosophy for doctrine and holiness.
- Rehabilitate the person rather than becoming NEW in Christ, universal peace instead of the return of the Prince of Peace.

## II. HOW IS THIS FALSE GOSPEL SPREAD?

1. It is not spread by bar keepers, prostitutes, druggies or any other obvious non Christian but by ordained ministers who have turned aside from the Truth and preach fables. Sin is merely the absence of good. God is too loving to send anybody to Hell, just follow Jesus' example is all that is needed.
2. It is spread by those sitting in the church pews.
  - Those who don't read the Bible for themselves blindly accepting what they hear from the pulpit from the man they pay to do all the religious stuff for them.
3. **Proverbs 14:12.** The gospel of Satan presents a way of salvation by human attainment and millions of people are believing it and are still lost and on their way to Hell.

## III. THE FALSE GOSPEL IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE TRUE GOSPEL

1. It does not totally deny any of the true gospel but proceeds to give erroneous view points or interpretations.
  - It accepts almighty God as real, but states that God is the spiritual Father of ALL people.
  - It declares that God is far too merciful to send any person to Hell, if there was such a place.
  - It recognizes Jesus as the best man that ever lived with much attention given to the compassion, work, mercy, beautiful character and teaching. **However it ignores Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection and the work of the Cross is never even mentioned.**
  - It calls the "resurrection" of Jesus a superstitious story.
2. **It is a bloodless gospel, presenting a crossless Christ who never was God in the flesh but just merely a man.**

## IV. WHO WOULD BELIEVE THIS FALSE GOSPEL?

1. **2 Corinthians 4:3; Proverbs 14:12.** Those who have been blinded by Satan through their own desire to "help" God.
  - The way to Hell is paved with good intentions. Millions who have had good intentions, honest, thoughtful, fair, charitable people of integrity, moral, merciful, benevolent.
  - People seeking to justify themselves before God by their own righteousness.
  - People who never see themselves as guilty, lost or hell deserving sinners needing a Savior.
  - People who have been brought up in Sunday Schools, know all about the life and teachings of Jesus, who even try to live as much like Jesus as they can, who think that THAT is all that is necessary.

2. People who believe the things about Jesus but who do not really believe IN Jesus.
  - They believe with the head but have never yielded themselves to HIM and walked away from their sins.
  - *Proverbs 14:12: "There is a way which seemeth right unto man; but the ends thereof are the ways of death."*

## CONCLUSION:

1. Where do you stand? What are you relying on to be accepted by God when you stand before Him in Judgment some day?
2. **Matthew 7:13-14**    **Matthew 7:22-23**    Jesus came to save us FROM our sins, not IN our sins.
  - To be saved FROM sins is to be saved from ignoring and fighting the authority of God.
  - It is to abandon all self will and self-pleasing.
  - It is to surrender completely to God's authority and plans for one's life.
3. It is very possible to look like, act like, and even preach like a Christian and still be unknown to the Lord.
4. There is but one way to God and that is through Jesus Christ. There is but one way to God's Heaven and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ. There is but one set of guidelines and that is God's Word, the Bible, God's Gospel. Anything else is of Satan and his gospel.