

BE FREE—2 Different Gospels

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(Galatians 1:6-10) 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—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 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! 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! 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.

BIG IDEA: Getting the gospel right is the difference between life and death.

FAKE vs. REAL

- The false gospel focuses on doing.

+ The true gospel focuses on what Jesus has done.

(Hebrews 10:10) And by that will, we have been made **holy** through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**.

- The false gospel focuses on rules.

+ The true gospel prizes relationship.

(John 14:15 NIRV) "If you **love** me, you will **obey** what I command."

- The false gospel lives on fear.

+ The true gospel originates from love.

(2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of **fear**, but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound** mind.

- The false gospel is satisfied with external change.

+ The true gospel transforms internal motivations.

(Matthew 23:25-28 ESV) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

For **you clean the outside** of the cup and the plate, but **inside** they are full of **greed** and **self-indulgence**. You blind Pharisee! **First clean the inside** of the

cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which **outwardly appear beautiful**, but **within** are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also **outwardly appear righteous** to others, but **within** you are full of **hypocrisy** and **lawlessness**.

(Galatians 6:15 ESV) **Neither** circumcision nor uncircumcision **means anything**; what counts is the **new creation**.

CHOOSE THE TRUE GOSPEL

1. Let love for God be the motivation of your spiritual journey.

(1 Corinthians 16:14 NLT) Everything you do must be done with **love**.

2. Kill condemnation.

(Romans 8:1-2) Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus, because **through Christ Jesus** the law of the Spirit who gives life **has set you free** from the law of sin and death.

3. Stay free.

(Galatians 5:1) It is for **freedom** that Christ has set us **free**. **Stand firm**, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.