

The True Gospel vs False Gospel

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"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you. and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."

Galatians 1:6-10

The word gospel means, "good news or good message". The gospel of Jesus Christ could also be understood as the good news of Jesus Christ. The reason why it is good news is because man (Adam and Eve) has sinned against God in the Garden of Eden as recorded in scripture found in Genesis chapter 3. And as a result of their sin and disobedience, all mankind is born in sin, is separated from God, and deserves His divine justice and wrath in hell. The Bible says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). The Bible clearly teaches in Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." The Bible continues to proclaim that as a result of sin, "...There is none righteous no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Romans 3:10-12). Sin is breaking the laws and commandments of God as recorded in God's Word, the Bible. Adultery, fornication, idolatry, homosexuality, murder, stealing, lying, unforgiveness, disobedience to parents, racism, witchcraft, covetousness, hatred and many other sins all reveal the wicked condition of man's heart, his sinful and rebellious motives and actions that have clearly violated and broken the laws of God (Exodus 20:1-17; Corinthians 6:9-11; Revelation 21:8). As a result of mankind's sin and disobedience, we are all separate from God and deserve His divine justice and wrath in hell forever on the day of judgement, to experience the horrific torture of eternal fire, worms, and outer darkness (Mark 9:42-48). This torture as mentioned by the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 8:12; Matthew 25:41,46; Mark 9:42-48) will result in precious souls weeping and gnashing their teeth in pain, due to the unimaginable torture that will be experienced for eternity. No amount of good works or deeds could make us right in the sight of God, because we already have broken his law, and we need to pay the price of breaking the law of a holy, righteous, and just God. And that penalty is eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire. But thank God, He gave us good news and the good news is that, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Hallelujah! God Almighty came in the person of Jesus Christ who is God in the flesh (John 1:1, 14), and fulfilled the laws and righteous standard of God because he never sinned (2 Corinthians 5:21), He took our

place and our judgement and died and shed his blood on the cross for our sins, in order for our sins to be forgiven on the day of judgement (Romans 5:6-11). The Bible teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and rose again from the dead on the third day according to the scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). This was done so that we can receive the righteousness of God and escape His wrath and judgement in hell, as well as receive his love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation that only comes by repentance of our sins, and faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross. The righteousness of God only comes by repentance and faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that we could never be made righteous and be saved from our sins through our good works or deeds because we have sinned and do not have any righteousness in our selves (Ephesians 2:8-9). The Bible says, "...whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). The understanding, to believe, clearly teaches that it is not just mental acceptance of biblical truth because even the devils in hell believe (James 2:19), but that cannot save them nor any one else on the day of judgement. True genuine faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is a repentant faith, meaning that when one truly believes the gospel and understands they need to be saved from damnation in hell because they are a sinner, they must repent of their sin, which means to turn from their sin and trust the Lord Jesus Christ alone by faith (Acts 20:21). Therefore, one cannot be saved unless they experience a godly sorrow of repentance toward God as a result of the Holy Spirit of God bringing forth conviction of sin, and the sinner turning from his sin and putting his faith and trust alone in the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation. Jesus said, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; And that **repentance and remission of sins** should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:26-27). Therefore, the true gospel message teaches that mankind has sinned and deserves God's divine judgement in hell, and that he cannot save himself through any good works, but the Lord Jesus Christ is his only means of salvation because He died on the cross for our sins, and rose again from the dead on the third day. It is explicitly clear from scripture that one needs to repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ alone by faith as their personal Lord and Saviour in order to be saved from hell and to be given everlasting life in heaven (John 3:3,16-36; Luke 24:26-27; Romans 5:1-21). This biblical experience of salvation through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone is called being born again by the Lord Jesus Christ in John 3:3.

Unfortunately in the church world today this pure, simple, unadulterated, powerful gospel message is now being compromised and perverted with a new gospel, or a false gospel message that the Apostle Paul describes as, "...another gospel. Which is not another...". The reason why the Holy Ghost through the Apostle Paul states, "...another gospel. Which is not another..." is due to the fact that although others may come promoting a different message than the message of the true gospel, there is only one true gospel message that will never change regardless of times, customs, or culture. The Apostle Paul contended with this false gospel message extensively in his epistle to the Galatians. The Judaizers which were Jews were propagating in the church that one had to keep the law of Moses, along with faith in Christ Jesus in order to be saved. Paul rebuked them sharply and called their message another gospel because they taught that the Lord Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross was not sufficient to pay for our salvation,

and that we needed to achieve salvation through our own works of attempting to keep the laws of God. The Apostle Paul said, "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16). If we add to the Gospel message it is no longer the gospel message. And if we take away from the gospel message it is no longer the gospel, but a false gospel that will unfortunately if believed, will damn the soul in hell without Christ Jesus, because they are not trusting the Lord Jesus Christ alone by faith for their salvation, and unfortunately will die in their sin. The Bible says in Galatians 2:21, "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." If we can be saved by our own good works then Jesus' death on the cross was in vain and meaningless because it teaches us that we can be saved through our own efforts, and therefore we did not need the Lord Jesus Christ to die on the cross. This teaching is blasphemy to the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ and is a deceptive lie from hell to bring souls to the lake of fire.

Today we see this false gospel of works and rituals in order to attempt, and to attain salvation in various religions such as Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and also Roman Catholicism. Roman Catholicism teaches and condemns the true gospel message of being saved by grace alone, through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9) alone in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Not only does Roman Catholic doctrine condemn the teaching of trusting the Lord Jesus Christ by repentance and faith alone for one's salvation, they also condemn to hell any one that believes the true gospel. In the council of Trent that took place in Italy between 1545-1565 which was a council to condemn the teachings of the Protestant Reformation (a reformation back to the true biblical gospel) which the Catholic church still believes today, they state that, "If any one says that the sacraments of the new law are not necessary for salvation but are superfluous, and that without them or without the desire of them men obtain from God through faith alone the grace of justification though all are necessary for each one, let him be anathema" (Council of Trent, Canons on the Sacrament. Canon 4). Catholicism teaches like the Judaizers in Paul's day that one must keep the law of works and not faith alone in Christ Jesus in order to be saved. This false gospel of Roman Catholicism is also seen in the teaching of the mass, and in the doctrine of transubstantiation which teaches that the bread which should only represent Christ's body that was sacrificed on the cross (1 Corinthians 11:24-25), becomes the actual, literal physical body of the Lord Jesus Christ, and is sacrificed as a perpetual sacrifice over and over again in the mass for the sins of the people. The mass teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross of Calvary for our sins which was once and for all, never to be repeated again (Hebrews 9:25-28; Hebrews 10:1-39), was insufficient to pay for our salvation. Therefore, the Lord's death on Calvary was in vain and meaningless according to Roman Catholicism because it could not pay for our salvation. The Bible says in Hebrews 9:24-26, "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which* are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: **Nor yet that he should offer himself often**, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now **once** in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of

himself". Roman Catholicism is a false gospel that if believed will damn precious souls to eternal hell because their faith would not be trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation, but in one's good works and church tradition in order to be saved. And therefore, their sins would not be forgiven, and they would die in their sin.

Unfortunately, much of evangelical Christianity that was a direct result of the reformation, have forgotten the martyrs that have died for the truth of the gospel (read John Foxes Book of Martyrs), no longer contend for the faith, and have embraced Roman Catholicism as a "true gospel". This is not love toward precious Roman Catholics of whom the author was at one time before being born again and saved by repentance and faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ, but is deceiving not only Roman Catholics but all unsaved people with a false gospel message. Not only are many evangelicals agreeing with Roman Catholicism but also apostate Protestant denominations and ministers who are clearly teaching a false gospel.

One of the greatest evangelical preachers of our time who has preached the true gospel message, but also who has unfortunately compromised it is evangelist Billy Graham. Billy Graham along with a multitude of evangelical leaders such as Chuck Colson, James Dobson, Jack Van Impe and many others have embraced the false gospel of Roman Catholicism as the true gospel, and has also encouraged Roman Catholics to continue to believe their Catholic doctrine. On Sunday April 3, 2005, Billy Graham while on the Larry King Live show was asked as to whether or not he thought Pope John Paul II was now in heaven. Larry King asks Billy Graham, "There is no question in your mind that he is with God now? Billy Graham responds, "Oh no. There may be a question about my own, but I don't think Cardinal Wojtyla, or the Pope-- I think he's with the Lord, because he believed. He believed in the Cross. That was his focus throughout his ministry, the Cross, no matter if you were talking to him from personal issues or an ethical problem, he felt that there was the answer to all of our problems, the cross and the resurrection. And he was a strong believer" (Billy Graham on the Larry King Live show April 3, 2005, from Assist News Service, Garden Grove, CA). It is completely unthinkable that evangelist Billy Graham, who has preached a sound gospel message for so many years, now questions his own salvation, and is completely convinced that Pope John Paul II, while seeming to be a very nice and kind person, who nevertheless believed the false gospel message of Roman Catholicism is now in heaven, if he died believing the false gospel of Roman Catholicism. Which believes and teaches that one cannot know that they are saved through the Lord Jesus Christ and are going to heaven (Catechism of the Catholic Church ref # 1036, 2005), that teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ's death and shed blood on the cross 2000 years ago was **insufficient** to pay for our complete salvation (Catechism of the Catholic Church ref # 1323,1382), and utterly rejects and condemns to hell any one that believes the true gospel by being saved by grace alone, through repentance and faith alone in the finished work of Christ Jesus on the cross (council of Trent). It is inconceivable that one who claims to be a Bible believing, born again Christian, would believe or suggest that one is gone to heaven, if they died believing a false gospel of works and have rejected the true gospel. This serious compromise of the true gospel message will result in the damnation of precious souls to the lake of fire and will eventually usher in a one world religion led by the antichrist.

Ministry's such as TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network) and 100 Huntley Street in Canada embrace the false gospel of Roman Catholicism, and many a time support apostate preachers and ministers such as Robert Schueller, C.S Lewis and Tony Compolo. Robert Schueller who has his TV broadcast, "The Hour of Power" out of California, USA, preaches a false gospel of self-esteem and psychology, rejects preaching the old time Holy Ghost true gospel of repentance of sin and trusting the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone for salvation. Robert Schueller exposes his disgust for the true gospel when he says, "I don't think anything has been done in the name of Christ that and under the banner of Christianity that has proven more destructive to human personality and , hence, counter productive to the evangelism enterprise than the often crude, uncouth, and unchristian strategy of attempting to make people aware of the their lost and sinful condition" (Time, March 18, 1985). Mr Schueller also does not believe that the Bible is the innerrant, authoritative, infallible, and inspired Word of God. He also agrees with Roman Catholicism and its false gospel.

C.S Lewis is promoted to be one of the greatest "evangelical Christians" that lived in the 20th Century. Yet, Mr. Lewis did not believe in the innerrancy, authority, infallibility and inspiration of the Bible. C.S Lewis believed that the Bible is full of myths in some areas, he said, "I have the deepest respect for Pagan myths, still more for myths in the Holy Scriptures"(The Problem Pain pg.71). He states concerning the creation account in Genesis, "I have therefore no difficulty accepting, say, the view of those scholars who tell us that the account of Creation in Genesis is derived from earlier Semitic stories which were Pagan and mythical" (Reflections on the Psalms pg. 110). C.S. Lewis also rejected the true gospel by believing that people from other religions are saved, without repenting of their sin and trusting the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone for their only way of salvation (John 14:6, Acts 4:12). Lewis in his book, "Mere Christianity" says, "There are people in other religions who are being led by God's secret influence to concentrate on those parts of their religion which are in agreement with Christianity, and who thus belong to Christ without knowing it...(pg.176-177). This false and heretical gospel will lead many precious souls in other religions to hell, because it teaches them that they do not have to repent of their sin and trust the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone, but that they can continue in their false doctrine with the lie that they are already saved. Leaving them in a sinful and helpless condition and headed for eternal perdition.

Tony Compolo who is a sought out speaker in evangelical circles such as 100 Huntley Street in Canada believes, and supports the teaching that one can be a "homosexual Christian" without committing the act of homosexuality, and believes that one is born a homosexual. Tony Compolo says, "As a matter of fact, I would argue that, from my evangelical, conservative postition, I'm going to argue that what we really need to do as a church is to provide a framework to help brothers and sisters who want to remain celibate, to do so...I hope we get to the place where we can at least be as generous to people who are homosexuals as we have been to alcoholics. There was a time when the alcoholic couldn't get accepted into the church unless he stood up and said, I am no longer an alcoholic. Now, the alcoholic stands up and says, without shame, this is who I

am " (Transcript of a video tape of a talk at North Park College Chapel on February 29, 1996). This is a rejection of the teaching of the true gospel that commands homosexuals to repent of their sin and their ungodly, "vile affections"(Romans 1:26) of the heart and trust the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone and His finished work on Calvary (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). His wife Peggy, who also claims to be saved, goes a step further by believing that you can be a practicing homosexual and still be saved. Peggy Compolo promotes her false doctrine of accepting the sin of homosexuality by deceitfully handling the Word of God, she says, "There is an obvious connection between idolatry and homosexual practices in Romans one and what Paul says here cannot be applied to the kind of relationships created by loving homosexual partners who are making a lifetime monogamous commitment to each other" (Transcript of a video tape of a talk at North Park College Chapel on February 29, 1996). This of course is not loving homosexuals, who need to repent and turn from their homosexuality, and trust the Lord Jesus Christ by faith in order to escape the damnation in the Lake of Fire (Romans 1:18-32; 1Corinthians 6:9-11; Revelation 20:15). The Bible says that love, "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:6). The family is under an unprecedented attack, not only in the world, but in the apostate church world. Homosexuality is growing in acceptance among evangelicals by agreeing with Tony Compolo's belief that some people are born homosexual, and that they can be a "homosexual Christian" without committing the act. This attack against the family began with the church world accepting the sin of divorce and remarriage as acceptable with God, instead of teaching the unmistakable, biblical proclamation, that divorce and remarriage is clearly adultery as commanded by scripture (Matthew 19:1-12; Mark 9:1-12; Romans 7:1-3).

Many preachers have not only taught that adultery is ok by agreeing with divorce and remarriage, but have endorsed it, by committing adultery themselves by engaging in divorce and remarriage, such as Eddie Long, John Hagee, Richard Roberts, Donnie Swaggart, Clarence McClendon, and others. We need to pray for these men and others who are bound in sin, so that they can repent and trust the Lord Jesus Christ by faith before it is too late. This has contributed to the destruction of the family, the loss of the sanctity of marriage, which is only between a man and a woman for life until death dissolves the bond (Romans 7:1-3; 1 Corinthians 7:10,11,39 also see section on divorce and remarriage from our topics section), and a rise in divorce and remarriage in the church world. As a result, the sin of same sex marriage is slowly being accepted in the church world, and like divorce and remarriage, will soon be fully embraced. Instead of Bible believing leaders strongly rebuking men such as Robert Schueller, C.S Lewis (although CS Lewis is now deceased), and Tony Compolo in love, they allow their false teaching to continue to be propagated by selling their books, and giving them the right hand of fellowship to preach their false gospel over their pulpits, conferences, and television and radio programs.

Psychology, and a seeker sensitive false gospel no longer preaches against sin and the necessity for man to repent of his sin and trust the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone. The seeker sensitive gospel also has told the lie that one needs to build relationships and become one's friend before the born again Christian can witness the gospel to the unsaved. This teaching is not found anywhere in the Bible, and speaks contrary to the

urgency taught in scripture of preaching "...the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), before they die in their sin, and be lost in hell forever. It's proponents declare a so called "non judgemental attitude" that accepts man in his sin, and has formed a man made gospel message that will be acceptable to men, but has been rejected by God. Surveys and questionnaires are given to the unsaved inquiring what kind of church they would want, and it is given to them. This false gospel has been mass marketed to be accepted by multitudes whereby they can be embraced as Christians and continue in their sin, without any acknowledgement that they are sinners on their way to hell, and need to repent and receive the grace, and salvation of God that only comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21; Romans 5:1). This has produced many mega churches full of multitudes of people who are not born again, yet are declared saved by their leaders and told that they are Christians. Sadly, if these precious souls do not repent, on the day of judgment they will find themselves in the lake of fire (Luke 13:1-9; Revelation 20:15). Success to most of the church world is the numbers that one can get into their church, and not souls that need to hear the true gospel to be saved. The preachers of this false gospel desire to achieve their goal by all means necessary. In other words, if it means the use of ungodly movies, secular music, so called "Christian contemporary, rap or rock music", or using unsaved men and women from Hollywood and other forms of worldly entertainment who claim to be saved, but are living in sin and are compromising the gospel, it must be incorporated. This has contributed to major worldliness in the church by many going to the movie theatres, and renting movies, that support adultery, fornication, homosexuality, violence, nudity, swearing, cursing, blaspheming the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and not to mention every sin and ungodly ideology that is contrary to the teaching of the Bible. But yet they still claim it is just harmless entertainment. Going to dance clubs, listening to secular music, enjoying a so called social drink from the destructive drug of alcohol, smoking and the use of tobacco, and gambling by going to casinos and playing the lottery etc. The Bible says, "Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (1 John 2:15-17). Bill Hybels from his Willow Creek church and Rick Warren author of the books, "Purpose Driven Life" and "Purpose Driven Church" who are also great supporters of Robert Schueller and his false gospel message of "self esteem and psychology", are pillars in the "seeker sensitive" false gospel. The statement used is that, "We must be "relevant" without changing the message of the gospel." Rick Warren in his book "Purpose Driven Church", has topics on Developing A Strategy in reaching the unchurched or lost souls such as, (1) **Letting your target determine your approach**, instead of using the Bible alone for our approach, (2) **Begin with the felt needs of the unchurched**, instead of already understanding the needs of the unsaved from scripture, that they are sinners on their way to eternal damnation in hell (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23), in need of the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, (3) **Change methods whenever necessary**, instead of using the biblical method from scripture that preaches the gospel in love and without compromise. That points out man's sin and calls for repentance of his sin and faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be saved from an eternity in hell (John 3:16; Acts 20:21). This is a false gospel message that is repackaged to accept man's

sin, and to formulate a man made gospel that will damn souls to hell, because it does not call for genuine repentance of sin and true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, they have failed to realize that the message of the gospel is eternally relevant and to say that we need to make it relevant is a disgrace to God, rejection of biblical authority, and a deceptive means by Satan to justify ungodly methods of evangelism rejected by God. Because it will for the most part, not result in genuine salvation. They have forgotten that the Bible says, "...it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21). God's method is the simple, plain, anointed, old time Holy Ghost preaching of the true gospel in order for souls to be saved. And God Almighty will not change His mind. The reason for this is because nothing has changed with regards to the sinful condition of mankind, and the only answer for the human race to be saved from hell. And that answer is the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16). The moment one believes that the gospel needs to be relevant has either lost the true gospel message or is on their way to doing so. This false gospel is always appealing to fallen mankind and his sinful condition because as brother William Booth founder of the Salvation Army said, it is a "...religion without the Holy Ghost" a "Christianity without Christ", a "forgiveness without repentance, Salvation without regeneration", and a "...heaven without hell". When one makes or attempts to make the gospel relevant to sinful man, they have not only changed the method, they have changed the message. It must be repeated, the moment one changes the God ordained method of preaching the gospel, they have changed the message. This is why in this false gospel message, the preaching concerning sin and repentance is stopped and considered to turn people off for being judgemental. Hell is a forbidden subject to the point that when one preaches it, they are accused of using so called, "scare tactics". The preaching of the Lord Jesus Christ being the only means of salvation (Acts 4:12) is an avoided subject, due to the fact it may offend people of other religions, and therefore, the cross is not preached and has become foolishness not only to the world, but also to most of the church world, which is really a part of this ungodly world system that is the spirit of antichrist (1 John 4:1-6).

The false gospel of gain and greed that is promoted by prosperity preachers, such as Creflo Dollar and Kenneth Copeland and others who, "...supposing that gain is godliness..." (1 Timothy 6:5) deceive audiences by telling them in order for them to receive a miracle they need to give a "faith seed" offering to their ministry. No where in scripture did the Lord Jesus, or the apostles ever tell any one that they needed to give a faith seed offering in order to receive a miracle, because the miracle only comes through the Lord Jesus Christ when one prays to Him in faith believing for their need (Matthew 21:22; Luke 18:1-8; Acts 3:1-9; James 1:5-7; James 5:15-17). The only one who is prospering from this false gospel is the preacher who is teaching a prosperity gospel. The Bible teaches, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom, For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38). The Lord will bless us when we give sacrificially to His work, but the motive should never be based on individual greed, but out of obedience and love for God and man, and for the promotion of the gospel. The message of this man made false gospel is not the salvation of souls in preaching against sin and pointing souls to Christ, but materialism, greed, and building ones "...treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where

thieves break through and steal" (Matthew 6:19). Not only does a false gospel add to the message of the true gospel, it also leaves out, or simply ignores, important and vital information such as preaching repentance from sin and trusting Christ Jesus by faith alone for salvation.

Third wave preachers (such as John Arnot from the Toronto Airport Church in Toronto, Ontario, Canada) who endorse unbiblical manifestations such as barking like dogs, gold dust, and prophetic revelations not from the Bible, but from a multitude of false prophets that prophesy teachings that are contradictory to scripture and that lead multitudes away from the sacred text and into a false gospel. False teachings such as so called "soaking" in order to experience intimacy with God, encouraging audiences to purchase "soaking kits", and elevating experience above the authority of the Bible. John Arnot's church website describes the false, deceptive, dangerous teaching of soaking. It says, "Although "soaking" includes waiting on the Lord, in this present move of the Spirit it means much more than that. To "soak" in God's presence is to rest in His love rather than to "strive" in prayer. As the person receiving a touch from God begins to connect with the reality of the Holy Spirit's presence, he often responds by falling or simply lying on the floor. As he rests expectantly in God's presence, often the Holy Spirit hovers over the person to reveal more of God's love and to renew and repair areas of a person's life. As the believer soaks in God's presence, the Lord takes control and begins to draw his attention to God's Word either in the scriptures or through internal audible impressions or pictures he sees in his mind's eye." This experience strongly resembles the ungodly, sinful, eastern religious practice of yoga, and could easily lead to demon possession because one's mind is open for any "internal audible impressions or pictures he sees in his mind's eye" and are drawn to it for one's direction, that will lead to serious error and false doctrine because one is no longer anchored to scripture, but to a subjective experience and is therefore open and subject to "...seducing spirits and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1). The Bible is explicitly clear that we receive and experience a full understanding of God's love through the scriptures, when we genuinely repent of our sin and receive God's love and salvation by faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16). We are not told in the Bible to lie on the floor in order to have a closer walk with God, but, to "...hunger and thirst after righteousness..." (Matthew 5:6), by praying, reading, and obeying His Word (John 15:10), hating sin (Psalm 97:10; James 1:21) and preaching the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world (Mark 16:15-16). Through prayer the Holy Ghost gives us a greater burden for souls, greater insights in His Word, and leads us and guides us in all truth according to the Bible to grow in the Lord and to know His will for our lives. The doctrine of soaking is nowhere found in the Bible and must, along with other false doctrines, be rejected. There is biblical manifestation of the Holy Ghost found in scripture such as, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, with the initial evidence by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance, to be a bold witness for the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 2:4; Acts 8:12-17; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-7, 1 Corinthians 14), and the gifts of the Holy Ghost recorded in 1 Corinthians 12 that we must embrace and accept. The Bible is our final authority, and any manifestation or teaching that is not found in scripture, **must be utterly and completely** rejected, or else Satan will seduce us with a false gospel.

This man made false gospel was first seen in the Garden of Eden when Satan perverted the Word of God and Adam and Eve rejected God's Word, and believed a lie. Although mankind did not need to be redeemed at that time because he was perfect and without sin before the fall, nevertheless he believed in Satan's word which promoted the lust of his flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (1 John 2:15-17). And as a result, man disobeyed God and sin and death entered the human race (Romans 5:12). The rejection of God's Word is evident in the false gospel of most of the church world today, with the production of multitudes of modern Bible versions in the English language, which delete or question whole portions of scripture (ex: Mark 16:9-20), paraphrase, and add footnotes which promote confusion, liberalism, and unbelief to the authority, inspiration, infallibility, and inerrancy of the Bible. Through these perverse modern English Bible versions, the Bible believing Christian is told that he can no longer believe that "...The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever..." (1 Peter 24-25), but is compelled to believe that God's Word has error, by teaching that His Word is only without error in the original autographs, and that God was not able to preserve His Word down through the centuries. This is totally ridiculous, and a deceptive lie from Satan, because the Lord Jesus commanded, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). God has always preserved His Word in every generation, and He has done so in these last days in English through the King James Version, which is based upon the over whelming majority of all Greek New Testament manuscripts, and the solid evidence and testimony of church history and antiquity (see Dean Burgeon's book , "Revision Revised"), which of course dates back to the original autographs. The false gospel of today makes Bible versions suitable and acceptable to the condition of fallen mankind, such as a so called "New Testament" for teens which pictures young girls in immodest attire and looks like a worldly fashion magazine out of Hollywood. The cry is "Make it simple, make it plain, give me the Bible I want." And the request is granted. These apostate Bible versions will lead to an ultimate apostate Bible so perverse that it will embrace every ungodly sin imaginable, and lead to the rise of the antichrist. Please remember my friend that Satan is subtle and deceives, by first bringing doubt to God's Word, and then promotes his man made gospel of sin and compromise that supports the ungodly sinful lusts of man. Sound doctrine and biblical accuracy is rejected as legalistic and archaic. And the new gospel of me and compromise has been embraced (2 Timothy 4:1-8). The Holy Ghost prophesied through the Apostle Paul that this false gospel and apostasy would take place in the last days. He says , "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:2-3). This false gospel is the gospel according to man, not the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a gospel that is clearly not biblical or pleasing to God, but agrees with the sinful nature of man that will eventually damn souls to hell, unless they believe the true gospel by repenting of their sin and trusting the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone, and His finished work on the cross for their salvation (Acts 20:21). In Matthew 16 the Lord Jesus Christ says after Satan spoke through Peter and did not want him to go to the cross, "...Get thee behind me Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men" (Matthew 16:23). One must understand that the doctrine of hell is the doctrine of man. The doctrine of the flesh, sin, the world and Satan is in

reality as the Holy Ghost spoke to through Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 11: 1-4, the promotion of another Jesus, another gospel, and another spirit. It is not the biblical gospel, or the Jesus Christ of the Bible, or the Holy Spirit of God that testifies to the truth, but the lying spirit of antichrist led by seducing spirits and doctrines of devils (1 Timothy 4:1). In the same chapter the Holy Ghost through the Apostle Paul mentions these false preachers that come with another gospel message which is a false gospel, that they "...are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

In conclusion, a false gospel is simply a gospel which is not another, that is produced by Satan in order to deceive souls to eternal damnation in hell. It is in essence the doctrine of men that promotes, and supports his sin, and the lust and desires of his flesh, that of course encourages breaking the laws of God, and rejects the teachings of the Bible. A false gospel is any thing that goes against the teachings of the Bible and encourages souls either not to repent of their sin and as a result not to trust the Lord Jesus Christ alone by faith for salvation. There is only one true biblical gospel that has never changed, and will never change. Sadly, most of the church world has embraced a false gospel, and has rejected the true gospel by embracing another message of a so called new reformation, which encourages a move back to Roman Catholicism, ecumenical compromise that will embrace all religions as true, a complete rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation, and a distrust and disbelief in the authority, inerrancy, infallibility, and inspiration of the Bible. Its ultimate end will lead into the arms of the antichrist and in the final destination of everlasting punishment in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15). But thank God there is a remnant of true born again believers who are the true Church of God, that have believed the true gospel message, and with the help of the Holy Ghost are not ignorant of Satan's devices. They will not compromise the Word of God, but they will take a stand against the tide of deception and false doctrine, and will speak the truth of the gospel in love to a lost world, and to an apostate church world. A remnant of believers who are more concerned for souls to be saved from hell through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone, than their reputation, or than the success according to this world, but who desire to please the Lord Jesus Christ and to hear Him say, "Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: ...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21). A remnant of believers that will preach against sin, and will not compromise with this world. Therefore, the true gospel message always preaches against sin (2 Timothy 4:1-5), so that mankind can, and must acknowledge that he is a sinner, that has violated and broken the laws of a holy, righteous, just, and loving God, in order to see his complete helplessness to save himself, and that he deserves the wrath of God for the wages of his sin which is death in hell forever (Matthew 3:7,8; Mark 9:43-50; John 3:36; Romans 6:23). As a result of seeing his sinful condition and deserving of the divine judgement of God, he acknowledges the necessity of repentance from his sin, and the only **true Gospel or Good News** (Mark 1:15; Luke 24:46-49; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4), the only solution, hope, salvation, forgiveness of his sin, and escape from the eternal damation in hell, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and his finished work on the cross. God Almighty was manifested in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16) and died for our sins, was buried,

and rose again on the third day according to the scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:1-4), ascended up to heaven and will come back again (Acts 1:11) to receive his church (born again believers) unto himself (John 14:1-6), and to judge the quick (living) and the dead (1 Timothy 1:1). And now the justified former sinner who is now a saint of God, because he has received the righteousness of God which comes by genuine faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1), recognizes that he is saved by the grace of God alone, apart from works, through repentance and faith alone in the risen Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Acts 20:21; Ephesians 2:8-9). And now good works come as a result of a genuine born again experience of salvation, and are never the means of our salvation. Good works only express and manifest fruit of true repentance, that reveals the evidence of genuine faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:14-26). Hallelujah! This is the true gospel message and thank God it will never change. And as was aforementioned, nothing can be added to the gospel or it will produce a man made false gospel of works, or taken away from the gospel, by ignoring sound doctrine from God's Word that commands us to preach against sin, calls for repentance of sin, and trusting the Lord Jesus Christ alone by faith, or it will create a false gospel of easy believism, a license to sin, compromise and worldliness.

God help us in these last days to pray for many churches, denominations, and preachers who have compromised the gospel, that they would see the error of their way, repent, and turn back to the Lord. And that He would help us stand for the truth of the gospel, even if it means to be a voice crying in the wilderness, to see souls saved from an eternity in hell, by preaching the whole counsel of God, the only biblical gospel before the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, in a day of clear deception and compromise in the world and unfortunately in the apostate church world, that, "...the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).