

False Gospel vs True Gospel

A. U.S. Presidential Election Comments

^{NASB} **Proverbs 6(16c-19)** There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:¹⁷ Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil,¹⁹ A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

^{NASB} **Proverbs 16:2** All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the Lord weighs the motives.

^{NASB} **Proverbs 16:4** The Lord has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil.

B. Church Comments

I. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is fantastic good news! When Americans hear the word “**Evangelical**” do they associate it with good news? If not, what do they associate it with? Is it with the word evangelist or evangelism?

Is it with right-wing republicans or Christian nationalism? American Christian nationalism is based on a worldview that America is superior to other countries, and that such superiority is divinely established. It posts that only Christians are "true Americans."

Several centuries ago the white church viewed that North America was ordained for white people & therefore approved of the expulsion of the Native Americans as God's will.

In the past, some in the white church used a grossly edited **slave Bible** (eliminated 90%OT & 50%NT) to suppress Negroes in America. Would some in the white church today destroy democracy to gain power to implement their Nationalistic Dominion ideology that suppresses people groups?

Also, we have Church denominations today that segregate women from speaking in church.

It seems like some men are ever wanting to add some **other requirements** to Jesus Christ's plan of redemption. This always creates **separation** within His Body into various factions.

II. God sent Jesus Christ into the world **to save** the world & **not judge** the world.

NASB **Hebrews 1:1-2** God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

NASB **Luke 4:18c-19** “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed,¹⁹ To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”

NASB **John 3:16-17** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

NASB **Colossians 1:15-18** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

III. What God did in the beginning sets the **bar** for His **intentions**.

NASB **Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

NASB **Mark 10:4-6** They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.” ⁵ But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.” ⁶ “But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.

IV. The **bewitched** people **distort** what Jesus has said & done.

^{NASB} **Galatians 1:6-9** I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel;⁷ which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

^{AMPC} **Galatians 1(6)** I am surprised and astonished that you are so quickly turning renegade and deserting Him Who invited and called you by the grace (unmerited favor) of Christ (the Messiah) [and that you are transferring your allegiance] to a different [even an opposition] gospel.

^{NASB} **Galatians 2:11-14** But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.¹² For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.¹³ The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?

^{NASB} **Galatians 3(1-3)** You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?² This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

^{AMPC} **Galatians 3(1)** O YOU poor and silly and thoughtless and unreflecting and senseless Galatians! Who has fascinated or bewitched or cast a spell over you, unto whom--right before your very eyes--Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was openly and graphically set forth and portrayed as crucified?

^{NASB} **Galatians 5:1-2** It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.² Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.

^{NASB} **Galatians 5:6-9** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love. ⁷ You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you. ⁹ A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.

Galatians 6:12 Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

^{NASB} **Luke 12:1c** He began saying to His disciples first of all, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”

V. Jesus declares that all who follow Him will be **persecuted** & His kingdom is not of this **world**.

^{NASB} **Matthew 5:11-12** “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹² “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

^{NASB} **Matthew 5:43-46** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy’” ⁴⁴“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,” ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”

^{NASB} **John 18:36** Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.”

VI. Jesus Christ has redeemed us and made us **one group**.

^{NASB} **Galatians 3:13-14** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”— ¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

^{NASB} **Galatians 3:26-28** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

^{NASB} **Colossians 3:10-11** and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him— ¹¹ a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

VII. Our responsibility is to move past **man made barriers** & love people where they are.

^{NASB} **John 15:12** This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

^{NASB} **Galatians 6:2-3** Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

^{NASB} **Galatians 6:9-10** |Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. ¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

^{NASB} **Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

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