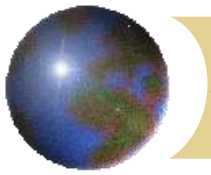


The Gospel and the “Un-Gospel”

Romans 1:13-25



Two types of “Christians”

☉ People who:

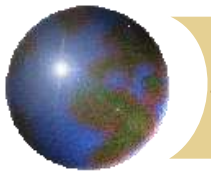
- ☒ have heard the gospel
- ☒ profess to have had an experience when they “met Jesus”
- ☒ read the Bible and pray
- ☒ attend and perhaps are even members of a local church

1. the “1st Century Paul Bond-servant” type:

- ☒ Christ is everything to them, no matter what else is going on in life
- ☒ received the **Gospel**

2. the “21st Century Joe Christian” type:

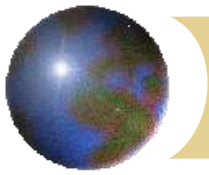
- ☒ other things are more important in life, and Christ is an afterthought
- ☒ received an “**un-gospel**”



Signs that you have the Gospel

Romans 1:16-17

1. v16: it is the power of God which saves you from sin
 - ✦ it's more than just words (I Thessalonians 1:5)
 2. v16: you put your faith in God ("believe")
 3. v17: the works of God (righteousness) are revealed in you
 4. v17: you put more faith in God, greater works of God are revealed in you, etc...
 - ✦ the true meaning of humility (Habakkuk 2:4)
- ✦ ***A life of constant, growing faith in God, trying to get maximum glory for Christ out of everything you do!***



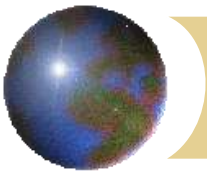
Signs that you have an “un-gospel”

Romans 1:18-21

Even though you know about God, you:

- v18: glorify something else or someone else (yourself!) as god
- v21: grumble and complain
- v21: live in fear and anxiety

✪ ***While taking God’s name, you live in constant mistrust of Him, and out of self-interest try to get maximum benefit for yourself out of everything you do!***

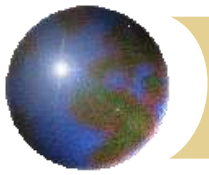


The Deception / Counterfeit

- ✦ Romans 1:22-25
- ✦ the creature over the Creator

- ✦ II Corinthians 11:3
- ✦ “you will become wise like God”

- ✦ Galatians 1:6-9
- ✦ a curse on the “un-gospel”



The Gospel is very simple!

- ✚ II Corinthians 4:4
- ✚ the glory of Christ, God's image
- ✚ Ask yourself, "Who stands to benefit the most by what I'm about to do?"
 - ✚ if it's Christ, then you have the gospel
 - ✚ if it's something else or someone else (usually yourself), then you have an "un-gospel"