

## The Gospel According to Scripture II

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In our day there are many perverted versions of the true Gospel of Jesus. Let's put forth an example so that we may better understand the word that Paul used for perversion. Suppose you had half a glass with 100% grape juice. You can boldly proclaim that you have 100% grape juice. But what if you filled the rest of the glass with water or any other liquid? Can you still proclaim that it is 100% grape juice? No you can't. If you still believed proclaimed that you still had 100% grape juice, then you would be believing a lie and proclaiming a lie because you no longer have 100% grape juice but a perversion of it. It is the same thing with spirituality. When you add religion, traditions, works, sacraments, church dogmas, church membership, or any other thing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, then you are believing in a perverted version of the Gospel and therefore the Gospel that you believe in is no longer the true Gospel but a false one.

Regardless whether you agree with me or not on this, and regardless whether you like it or not, the truth of the matter is that many believe in a false Gospel. People believed in a false Gospel in biblical times, and people still believe in a false Gospel in our days. For that reason we find many Scriptures that warn us on these false Gospels. And of course nobody would want to be told that they believe in false Gospel because to them religion is very personal. People believe in what they think is true. Because why will they believe in something that they know not to be true? But because they believe it to be true, people will still believe in what is not true because they received such traditions from their fathers.

Truth does not change. God does not and will not modify his truth according to the feeling or belief of people. Or not even according to the traditions that they adopt or accept in or during their council meetings. Truth is found ONLY in the Word of God and NOT in mans doctrinal beliefs, religions or traditions. Therefore we must stick to the truth of the Word in order to believe in the true Gospel that saves.

Paul made it very clear in Galatians 1. He said that if "*...we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel...*" That means that even if an angel or some type of heavenly messenger appears and says something totally contrary than what is already written we must not believe them because the truth is already written in the Word. But unfortunately there has been some apparently heavenly visions that have brought another Gospel. Paul also wrote in 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15; "*For if someone comes along and preaches another Jesus than the one we preached, or should you receive a different spirit from the one you received or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you are all too willing to listen...Such people are false apostles, dishonest workers who are masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, since Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. So it is not surprising if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their doom will match their deeds!*" Throughout history man has claimed to have many heavenly visions. And because these supposed heavenly visions have been so glorious and beautiful, they have

been so quick to believe what these messengers have said. But are we to believe the message of these supposed heavenly visions based on their beauty? No! Why? Because it can be Satan himself masquerading himself as an angel of light. Too many people have swallowed the lie. Satan has caused them to think that the beautiful is of God, and the ugly of the devil. That is why he has been very successful in deceiving many with his supposed "heavenly visions."

Do you believe in the truth? And how do you know that what you believe in is true? I challenge you to begin reading the Bible. I encourage you to start in the Gospel of John and read it all the way through. It will change your life and your eternal destiny! Jesus said; *"...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"* (John 8:31).

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