

SERMON TITLE:

"A Different Gospel"

TEXT:

Galatians 1:1 - 2:21

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Gospel"**

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CONTEXTUAL POINTS:

#1: Throughout church history, the church has experienced times theological crisis;

#2: These crisis have centered around pivotal points;

CONTEXTUAL POINTS:

Points such as:

1. the nature & knowledge of GOD;
2. Jesus' divinity and humanity;
3. the person of the Holy Spirit;
4. Trinitarianism;

CONTEXTUAL POINTS:

These crisis were settled / resolved through ecumenical councils:

325AD...The Council of Nicaea;

The **VERY FIRST** "council" of the early church was the

**THE COUNCIL OF
JERUSALEM**

33AD - 60AD

(described in Acts 15, Book of Galatians)

SERMONIC POINT #1:

APOLOGETICS: Defense of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!!!

"The best offense is a good defense!"

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NOTE PAUL'S STATEMENTS:

"... want to pervert the gospel of Christ." (vs. 7);

"... a different gospel...any other gospel..." (vs. 6, II Cor. 11:4);

**Key Movements
&
Figures / Founders:**

KEY MOVEMENTS & FIGURES:

A. Metaphysics & Gnosticism;
B. Manichaeism/ Dualism / Monism / Pluralism /

Positivism;

C. Buddhism / Taoism / Nestorianism
/ Mandaeanism / Zoroastrianism;

D. Transcendentalism (*Ralph Waldo Emerson*);

E. Christian Science (*Mary Baker Eddy*);

F. Scientology / Dianetics; (*L. Ron Hubbard / T. Cruise*)

G. New Thought Movement (*Phineas Quimby / D. Reese*)

H. Religious Science;

I. New Age Movement / Shamanism / Occultism;

J. Mysticism / Spiritism / Universalism

K. Other...Modern Faith Movement / The Secret???

**KEY MOVEMENTS & FIGURES
of the MODERN FAITH MOVEMENT:**

Key Figures:

E. W. Kenyon
Kenneth Hagin
Kenneth Copeland
Fred Price

Other Names:

Charismatic Movement;
Health, Wealth & Prosperity Gospel;
Name It and Claim It Gospel;

These controversies could all be reduced to key points of interest:

- a. Trinitarianism - yes or no
- b. works of divine healings;
- c. mind vs. body (metaphysics);
- d. absolutism vs. relativism;

SERMONIC POINT #2:

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH
...NOT WORKS

"...knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ..." Gal. 2:16

Nothing & Nobody Added to Jesus!!!

SERMONIC POINT 3:

THE MEANING OF GRACE!!!

Mercy...not getting what you do deserve!!!

Grace...getting what you DO NOT deserve!!!

"...I do not set aside the grace of GOD; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain." Gal. 2:21

WE ARE ALL LIVING ON GRACE!!!

CONCLUSION:

DEFEND THE GOSPEL!

WALK BY FAITH...NOT BY SIGHT!

BE THANKFUL FOR GOD'S GRACE!