

The Gospel of Self

ORIGINALLY : ...it was the good news of

... "the gospel of Christ",
... "the gospel of God",
... "the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" Mark 1:1

Originally - Christ was Center of All Focus: ...about Him, ...In Him, ...By Him, etc

But NOW we have a 20th Century Gospel

Jesus is no longer the focus, the center, the object of the message.

Now Man has become the focus, center, and object of the message.

It has become "the gospel of Self"

...It is about YOU,
...God's plan for YOU,
...how much God loves YOU
...how to make YOU happy
...how to fulfill YOU
...how He wants to bless YOU
...how God wants to enrich YOU
...how God wants to make YOU healthy
...to heal YOUR marriage

Selling YOU, ME, US on the benefits of Salvation....

It has become a Man-Centered Message rather than Christ-Centered.

Originally.... Book of Acts preaching was only "Jesus Christ".

*2Co 11:4 For if he that cometh **preacheth another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or if ye **receive another spirit**, which ye have not received, **or another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

*2Co 2:17 For we are not as many, which **corrupt(peddle, retail, trade, huckster)** the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.*

*2Pe 2:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make **merchandise of you**: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.*

But, NOW there is another gospel and another Jesus.

It says so in 2Co 11:4. A peddling, trading, a retailing of the gospel.
Making merchandise of us. Will you buy? Have you bought it?

It Concentrates around what man can get from God.

It is a Selling or Convincing of that Jesus Christ is a good, or better or the best bargain.

A Popular message. Just as "Self" is popular.

The Gospel of Christ develops attributesand lives which are centered, grounded, and

focused on Christ Jesus. It creates or births People whose lives, ...worship, ...preaching, ..teaching, all revolve around him. Just as the earth revolves around the Sun.

It produces repentance and faith in Christ Jesus alone without any ulterior or external motives.

It leads to eternal life

It is a gospel built upon God's plans and purposes.

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The Gospel of the God of Self develops attributesand lives which are centered, grounded and focused on Self, "I". Self-centered. What's in it for me. A completely different type of believer is produced and completely different congregations.

It produces people of self-righteousness.

It leads to eternal damnation

It attracts men who have been convinced this is more beneficial way, the more blessed way, believers in Christ without being born again.

It is a false message.

It is a message which fulfills mankind in all their hopes and dreamspolitical, economic, social,all centered in what is best for Self. Ego-centered.

A gospel that is built upon man's plans and purposes for what God wants

Self wants from God.... Happiness, Health, ...Material Blessings, ...Problems Solved, ...Ego-Boosts, ...Political Dominion,Heaven on Earth.

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Endtime Christianity has gone back to the Dark Ages where man's concept was that the whole universe revolved around the Earth. Galileo said no. Our earth revolves around the Sun. The Christian church put him under house arrest for the rest of his life. The gospel of SELF.

SIGNS OF ...GOSPEL OF SELF looks inwardly Self is the center of all thoughts.

How do things benefit me ??

What will I plan to do??

How do I feel about it??

Is this right for me??

Is this in my best interest??

A heart and thinking revolving around OurSelves.....we even speak about it.

"I" is used often.

The prominence of "I" and "We" is evidence of this Gospel of Self. Notice how "I", "We", "me", is so prevalent in today's sermons, worship, songs, and praise.

I "enjoy the worship" openly declares that worship is not in order to bless the Lord.

Pharisee prayers Luk 18:11-12 "I", "I", "I", "I", "I".....

Pray amiss because we ask to consume it upon our own lusts SELF (James 4:3)
Prayers focus upon ...OUR WANTS, ...OUR NEEDS, ...NOT WILL OF FATHER.

Praying has become an exercise in manipulating God. Getting our wants The Prayer of the Gospel of Self. rather than as Christ... Mat 6:10, 26:39

Getting from God rather than what God wants to get from us.

Church has become a place where people get their wants satisfied, a big church, enjoyable worship, a effective youth group, All Selfish. How often do we hear people praying or saying are looking for God to lead them where they can work or are needed by him.

TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS SERVING, GIVING, WORSHIPING HIM "Giving" ...not Receiving !

Jesus is the Center. Not Programs, Not Entertainment, Not etc.

WHAT ABOUT SACRIFICE ??

The gospel of Self is about Personal Gain?

Ro 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Ro 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*1Ti 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, **supposing that gain is godliness:** from such withdraw thyself.*

Decisions ARE based on Personal Self Desires OR are based on Christ, .Reasonable Service

A LOSING OF MY LIFE (MY SELF-LIFE) ...

Lu 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

THE TRUE GOSPEL IS ABOUT **DISCOVERING JESUS CHRIST !!!!**

THE FALSE GOSPEL IS ABOUT **DISCOVERING YOUR SELF !!!!**