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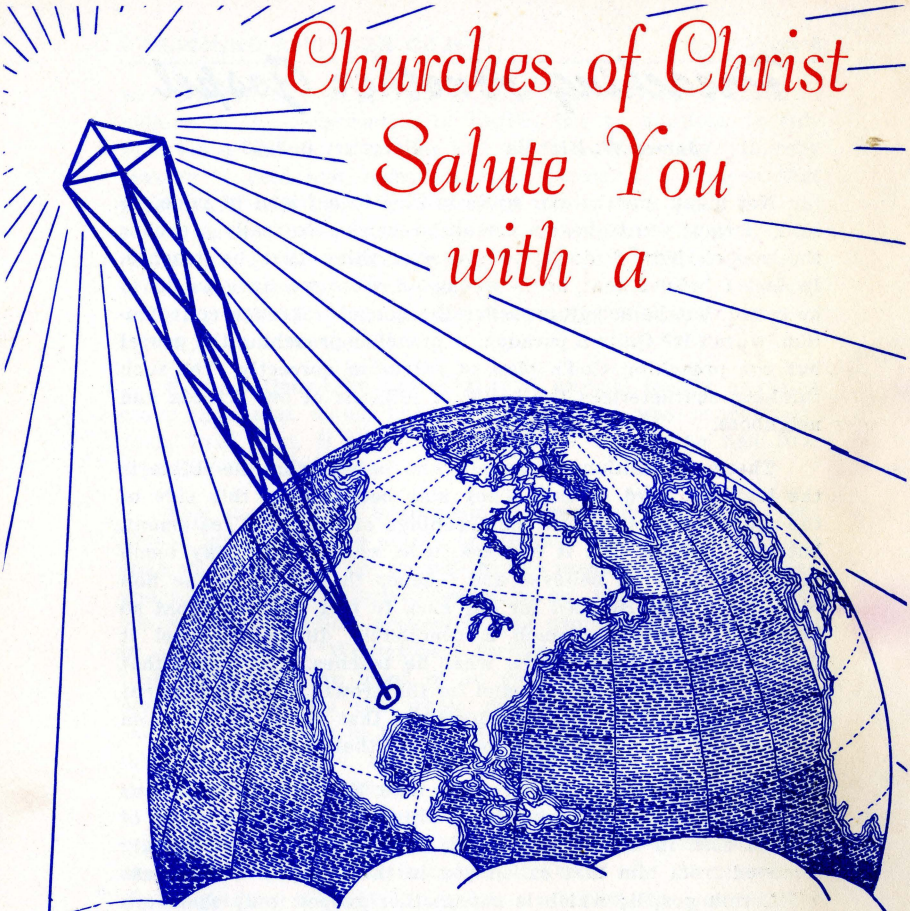

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Not many months ago while talking to a friend of mine, he said, "I want you to hear a certain preacher. He really preaches the gospel. Now I don't believe everything that he teaches. In fact I believe that he is wrong on what we have to do to be saved, but he surely preaches the gospel." Strange conversation, wasn't it? Quite a paradox. A preacher preaching the gospel but not preaching God's plan of salvation correctly. Yet such thinking characterizes the belief of millions of our friends and neighbors.

There are millions of people who believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. They also believe that this side of the cross we must follow the teachings of the New Testament, but they believe that it matters little what a man may teach just so long as he believes and teaches that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died for our sins. In fact, they say that so long as he doesn't preach a completely different gospel it doesn't make any difference what he teaches. And hence that attitude has made fertile ground for the growth and development for the hundreds of religious doctrines that divide people from one another and men and women from their Lord.

About nineteen hundred years ago the apostle Paul was facing the same situation. Paul writing to the Churches of Galatia said in Gal. 1:6-10, "I marvel that ye are so quickly removed from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel; which is not another gospel: only there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema. As we have said before, so say I now again, if any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be anathema. For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? or am I striving to please men? if I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ." Notice that Paul did not accuse these perverters of the gospel of completely changing the gospel or substituting another. By preaching other than that which had been preached, it became perverted gospel which would not only condemn the preacher but all of them that followed. He did not accuse them of denying that Jesus

was the Son of God nor did he infer that they had refused to believe in the resurrection of Christ, but by addition or substitution or substraction they had mutilated the gospel, thereby making it void and empty to the destruction of those that preached it and those that followed. Many men today are not preaching another gospel. They do not teach Buddhism, Confucianism, or Mohammedanism or any ism. Christ is their principle theme but by changing the gospel they are only traveling a road of destruction by leading thousands of men and women with them.

Paul continued by saying that if anyone taught anything other than that which had been taught, he was condemned; even, Paul says, if it were an angel or those who had first preached the gospel.

This therefore, is a tremendous responsibility upon every person involved in the saving of not only his own soul but the souls of others. It is not enough just to preach the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ accurately, but we must declare the whole counsel of God, accurately and completely. As Paul said in Acts 20:26-27, "Wherefore I testify unto you this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God." James also reinforces this truth in James 2:8-10 as he wrote, "Howbeit if ye fulfill the royal law, according to the scriptures, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well: but if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, being convicted by the law of transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all." The power of the gospel is as a liquid. Put water in a bucket that has just one hole and it will eventually leak out as surely as if it had half a thousand; so it is with the gospel. It's power can be contained so long as it is presented in its fullness and completeness. Notice again that Paul places a special condemnation on those that would preach anything other than that which had already been preached. He said even if an angel or those of us who preached the gospel first to you should preach anything other than that which they received, let him be eternally cursed.

Christ said in John 17:17 praying the Father, "Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth." Christ also said that he would send the comforter and that he would guide the apostles in all truth. The comforter of the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost and guided the apostles as they declared the whole counsel of God.

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Florence	WJOI	1340	9:30 a.m.
Gadsden	WGAD	1350	1:00 p.m.
Greenville	WGYV		4:00 p.m.
Huntsvile	WHBS	1490	1:00 p.m.
Marion	WJAM	1310	9:30 a.m.
Mobile	WABB	1480	6:30 a.m.
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Arizona, Phoenix	KOY	550	7:00 a.m.
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Arkansas, Eldorado	KDMS	1290	1:00 p.m.
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Calif., Bakersfield	KPMC	1560	10:00 a.m.
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San Francisco	KGO	810	3:30 p.m.
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Colorado, Craig	KRAI	1230	5:30 p.m.
Denver	KVOD	630	3:00 p.m.
Conn., Bridgeport	WNAB	1450	2:00 p.m.
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Delaware, Wilmington	WILM	1450	2:00 p.m.
Florida, Gainesville	WGGG	1230	1:00 p.m.
Jacksonville	WPDQ	600	8:30 a.m.
Leesburg	WLBE	790	check sta.
Miami	WQAM	560	1:00 p.m.
Panama City	WPCF	1400	1:00 p.m.
Pensocola	WEAR	1230	11:00 p.m.
Tallahassee	WTNT	1450	5:00 p.m.
Tampa, St. Pete	WSUN	620	1:00 p.m.
Georgia, Atlanta	WGST	920	1:00 p.m.
Augusta	WGAC	580	2:00 p.m.
Brunswick	WGIG	1440	1:00 p.m.
Cairo	WGRA	1300	3:00 p.m.
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Macon	WNEX	1400	1:00 p.m.
Rome	WLAQ	670	1:00 p.m.
Savannah	WDAR	1400	1:00 p.m.
Valdosta	WGAF	910	1:00 p.m.
Idaho, Boise	KGEM	1140	2:00 p.m.
Pocatello	KEIO	1440	9:30 a.m.
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Iowa, Cedar Rapids	WMT	600	7:30 a.m.
Davenport	WOC	1420	check sta.
Des Moines	KSO	1460	1:00 p.m.
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Kansas, Coffeyville	KGGF	690	2:00 p.m.
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Ken,. Bowling Green	WKCT	930	1:00 p.m.
Harlan	WHLN	1230	3:00 p.m.
Louisville	WKLO	1080	1:00 p.m.
Mayfield	WKTM	1050	4:15 p.m.
Newport	WNOP	740	2:00 p.m.
Paducah	WKYB	570	check sta.
Louisiana, Baton Rouge	WLCS	910	1:00 p.m.
Monroe	KMLB	1440	2:00 p.m.
New Orleans	WDSU	1280	1:00 p.m.
Shreveport	KRMD	1340	1:00 p.m.
Maine, Bangor	WABI	910	1:00 p.m.
Portland	WPOR	1450	9:00 a.m.
Maryland, Baltimore	WFBR	1300	3:00 p.m.
Cumberland	WDYK	1230	8:00 a.m.
Mass., Gardner	WHOB	1490	1:00 p.m.
Lawrence	WLAW	680	1:00 p.m.
Springfield	WSPR	1270	2:00 p.m.
Worcester	WAAB	1440	2:00 p.m.
Michigan, Battle Creek	WELL	1400	1:00 p.m.
Bay City	WBCM	1440	1:00 p.m.
Detroit	WXYZ	1270	1:00 p.m.
Flint	WFDF	910	10:00 p.m.
Lansing	WILS	1320	1:00 p.m.
Ludington	WKLA	1450	1:00 p.m.
Mt. Pleasant	WCEN	1150	2:00 p.m.
Muskegon	WKBZ	850	2:00 p.m.
Minn., Minn.-St. Paul	WTCN	1280	7:30 am.
Mankato	KTOE	1420	2:00 p.m.
Miss., Centerville	WGLC	1580	8:00 a.m.
Aberdeen	WMPA	1240	1:00 p.m.
Columbus	WCBI	1340	6:00 p.m.
Greenwood	WABG	960	1:00 p.m.
Jackson	WSLI	930	2:00 p.m.
Kosciusko	WKOZ	1340	1:00 p.m.
Laurel	WLAU	1490	1:00 p.m.
McComb	WSKB	1250	9:30 a.m.
Missouri, Kansas City	KCMO	810	12:30 p.m.
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Springfield	KWTO	560	1:00 p.m.
Montana, Butte	KOPR	580	9:15 a.m.
Great Falls	KMON	560	7:30 a.m.
Nebraska, Lincoln	KFOR	1240	10:30 a.m.
N. Platt	KNBR	970	9:00 a.m.
Omaha	KOIL	1290	5:30 p.m.
Sidney	KSID	1540	9:30 a.m.
N. Hamp., Claremont	WTSV	1230	1:00 p.m.
Lebanon	WTSL	1400	1:00 p.m.
Manchester	WMUR	610	3:00 p.m.
N. Mexico, Albuquerque	KOAT	1450	3:00 p.m.
Carlsbad	KPBM	740	check sta.
Clovis	KCLV	1240	1:00 p.m.
Los Alamos	KRSN	1490	3:00 p.m.
Santa Fe	KTRC	1400	3:00 p.m.
New York, Albany	WKKW	850	2:00 p.m.
New York	WJZ	770	12:30 p.m.
Olean	WHDL	1450	1:00 p.m.
Rochester	WARC	950	3:00 p.m.
Saranac Lake	WEAV	960	2:00 p.m.
Syracuse	WAGE	620	12:00 n.
N. Carolina, Ashville	WLOS	1380	1:00 p.m.
Charlotte	WAYS	610	1:00 p.m.
Durham	WTIK	1310	2:00 p.m.
Fayetteville (Sat.)	WFLB	1490	1:00 p.m.
Salisbury	WSAT	1280	1:00 p.m.
Wilmington	WGNI	1340	8:30 a.m.
Winston-Salem	WAIR	1340	1:00 p.m.
N. Dakota, Fargo	KFGO	790	1:00 p.m.
Ohio, Cleveland	WJW	850	1:00 p.m.
Columbus	WHKC	610	1:00 p.m.
Lima	WIMA	1150	9:00 a.m.
Youngstown	WBBW	1240	8:30 a.m.
Oklahoma, Ada	KADA	1230	1:00 p.m.
Enid	KCRC	1390	1:00 p.m.
McAlester	KTMC	1400	1:00 p.m.
Muskogee	KBIX	1490	2:00 p.m.
Oklahoma City	KTOK	1000	9:30 a.m.
Tulsa	KRMG	740	2:00 p.m.
Oregon, Eugene	KASH	1600	1:00 p.m.
Medford	KMED	1440	7:30 a.m.
Portland	KEX	1190	3:30 p.m.
Redmond	KSGA	1240	3:30 p.m.
The Dalles	KODL	1230	1:00 p.m.
Penn., Johnstown	WCRO	1230	1:00 p.m.
Philadelphia	WFIL	560	2:00 p.m.
Pittsburg	WCAE	1250	3:00 p.m.
Wilkes-Barre	WILK	980	5:00 p.m.
R. Island, Providence	WPJB	1420	1:00 p.m.
S. Carolina, Columbia	WCOS	1400	1:00 p.m.
Florence	WJMX	970	10:30 a.m
Orangeburg	WRNO	1450	7:00 a.m.
S. Dakota, Aberdeen	KSDN	930	10:30 a.m.
Huron	KIJV	1340	9:00 a.m.
Tenn., Chattanooga	WDEF	1370	1:00 p.m.
Jackson	WTJS	1390	1:00 p.m.
Johnson City	WJHL	910	10:30 p.m.
Knoxville	WBIR	1240	1:30 p.m.
Memphis	WMPS	680	9:30 p.m.
Morristown	WCRK	1450	check sta.
Nashville	WSIX	980	4:00 p.m.
Texas, Abilene	KRBC	1470	1:00 p.m.
Amarillo	KFDA	1440	1:00 p.m.
Austin	KNOW	1490	2:00 p.m.
Beaumont	KFDM	560	1:00 p.m.
Big Spring	KBST	1490	1:00 p.m.
Brownfield	KTFY	1300	4:30 p.m.
Brownwood	KBWD	1380	6:30 p.m.
Corpus Christi	KEYS	1440	9:00 a.m.
El Paso	KEPO	690	3:00 p.m.
Ft. Worth	WBAP	570	1:00 p.m.
Graham	KSWA	1330	4:30 p.m.
Houston	KXYZ	1320	8:00 a.m.
Longview	KFRO	1370	1:00 p.m.
Lubbock	KFYO	1340	4:00 p.m.
Midland	KCRS	550	1:30 p.m.
Nacogdoches	KOSF	1230	1:00 p.m.
Paris	KPLT	1490	4:00 p.m.
San Angelo	KGKL	960	1:00 p.m.
San Antonio	KMAC	630	9:00 p.m.
Texarkana	KCMC	1230	1:00 p.m.
Wichita Falls	KFDX	990	2:00 p.m.
Utah, Provo	KCSU	1490	3:00 p.m.
Salt Lake City	KUTA	570	7:30 a.m.
Vermont, Brattleboro	WTSA	1450	1:00 p.m.
Burlington	WJOY	1230	1:00 p.m.
Montpelier-Barre	WSKI	1240	1:00 p.m.
Virginia, Charlottesville	WINA	1280	9:15 a.m.
Fredericksburg	WFVA	1230	check sta.
Marion	WMEV	1010	2:00 p.m.
Norfolk	WGH	1310	6:30 p.m.
Richmond	WRNL	910	1:30 p.m.
Wasnington, Aberdeen	KBKW	1450	10:30 p.m.
Omak	KOMW	680	9:15 a.m.
Pasco	KPKW	1340	3:30 p.m.
Seattle	KJR	950	3:30 p.m.
Spokane	KGA	1510	3:30 p.m.
Washington, D. C.	WMAL	630	1:00 p.m.
W. Virginia, Beckley	WWNR	620	1:30 p.m.
Huntington	WHTN	800	8:00 a.m.
Parkersburg, Sat.	WCOM	1230	5:30 p.m.
Wheeling	WKWK	1400	1:00 p.m.
Wisconsin, Green Bay	WDUZ	1400	5:30 p.m.
LaCrosse	WKTY	580	4:00 p.m.
Madison	WIBA	1320	8:00 a.m.
Milwaukee	WCAN	1250	2:00 p.m.
Neenah	WNAM	1280	8:00 a.m.
Wasau	WSAU	1400	9:30 a.m.
Wyoming, Casper	KSPR	1470	9:15 p.m.
Cheyenne	KFBC	710	12:00 p.m.
Cody	KODI	1400	12:00 p.m.
Laramie	KOWB	1340	12:00 p.m.
Rawlins	KRAL	1240	12:00 p.m.
Riverton	KWRL	1450	12:00 p.m.
Torrington	KGOS	1490	12:00 p.m.
Worland	KWOR	1490	12:00 p.m.
Alaska, Juneau (Sat.)	KJNO	630	1:00 p.m.
Canada, Trail, B.C.	CJAT	610	9:30 a.m.
Toronto, Ont.	CKEY	580	9:15 a.m.
Winnepeg, Man.	CKY	580	6:45 a.m.

All times are Sunday unless otherwise indicated.

Therefore, anything other than that which is in the word of God, the whole truth, the whole counsel must be an untruth or a lie. John in Rev. 22:15 tells us. "Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and everyone that loveth and maketh a lie." Then, the condemnation comes not only to the one that makes the lie but also to ones who follow after it. In view of these things, it is exceedingly important that we pause in a busy and confused world to examine that which we believe and practice as to whether or not we preach and follow after other than the pure gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ further shows that when we worship Him according to the traditions of men that we worship in vain, for He said in Matt. 15:9, "But in vain do they worship me, Teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men."

I want you to ask yourself today, "Is the gospel that I hear the gospel of Christ or is it a perverted gospel?" Have you been baptized according to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ? Or have you been according to a perverted gospel? Have you been buried as Paul tells us we are buried with Christ, Rom. 6:4? Or have you obeyed a perverted gospel by sprinkling or pouring? Is the name you are wearing given to the followers of Christ in New Testament times? The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch, Acts 11:26. And Peter tells us, "But if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name." I Pet. 4:16. Is the name of the religious group with which you are affiliated wearing the name given to the body of Christ? Paul said in Rom. 16:16, "The churches of Christ salute you." Are you worshipping after the New Testament order? Worshipping God in spirit and in truth? If you are not doing these things are you not following after another gospel? Then remember the words of John as he wrote in II John 9-11, "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son. If anyone cometh unto you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into your house, and give him no greeting: for he that giveth him greeting partaketh in his evil works."

The choice is yours whether to follow as Christ and God would have you to or whether you want to follow after men. Paul said, "Now do I persuade men or God or do I seek to please men? For if I should please men I should not be the servent of Christ."

Remember this, my friend, that it matters not what I say, nor does it matter what some other man will say, but the question is, "What does the word of God say?" It hurts me; it hurts me deeply when I realize that there are hundreds of thousands of people who sincerely are being led astray. If there's anything that I would seek to imbed in the hearts of those who are being led astray, it is to study and read the Bible, the word of God. I don't want you to believe anything that I say, or do anything I say, merely because I say it, but because it's right and founded upon the scriptures. Then, and only then, will we be saved. But I, with all my strength and all my being, must push forward; must preach the truth; must "preach the word in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke and exhort with all long-suffering." That's my responsibility, because God has commanded it, and because I'm concerned with the souls of mankind.

Have you obeyed the gospel of Christ? Have you believed that Jesus is the Christ, repenting of every sin, and then confessed your faith in Christ before your fellow man? Have you been buried with your Lord in baptism? Will you not obey these simple commands of Christ today? Why don't you decide that "today is the day of salvation: saying I'll render complete obedience unto the Lord's command"? And I'm concerned with you, Christian friend, who has stumbled and fallen. Why don't you pick yourself up? Confess your sins, repent of every one of them. Confess them to your fellowman, pray unto God that He might forgive you.

Christ died upon the cross of Calvary that the gospel might be preached, and your soul might be saved. I love that gospel because it tells the story of Christ. I love that gospel because it's the hope of salvation. I'm willing to preach the gospel, for I am not ashamed of it; for I believe that it is the power of God unto salvation. And it just stirs my heart as I read time and time again the pleading words of Christ: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And to think that these loving words are falling upon deaf ears this morning. Won't you follow Christ? Won't you resolve to do that which God has commanded you to do, this day? Won't you follow in His steps? Softly and tenderly, He's calling us home.

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