LUKE 12:

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. *Matthew 6:31 incudes clothes*

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

*These instructions tell us to find the Kingdom of God more important than the food we eat.*

*It also informs us that the Kingdom of God can only be found by seeking and that by each individual. We are not told to seek in a church but rather to God Himself and that through Christ.*

AMOS 8:

11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

*They are looking for a place instead of a person. Christ who is the* *Word.*

MATTHEW 24:

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

ACTS 17:

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

MATTHEW 7:

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

MATTHEW 7:

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

*The wide gate and broad way allow groups to enter while the strait gate, and narrow way will only be found by individuals seeking it.*

HEBREWS 11

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

II CORINTHIANS 4:

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

*Signs are things seen, men are things seen but faith reveals to you things that cannot be seen.*

JEREMIAH 29:

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

II CORINTHIANS 3:

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

*These scriptures are instruction to an individual that has been called the Lord may speak to a group, but the end results are to an individual and the instruction are from the Spirit of God not just a minister.*

REVELATION 2:

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death*.*

*Everyone except a deaf or blind person can hear teaching and preaching and can see and observe events with their eyes but those that have eyes and ears to hear the spirit hear and see things entirely different than others.*

MATTHEW 13:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

JOHN 6:

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

*Verse 70 tells us an important fact. You cannot speak for anyone but yourself*.

EPHESIANS 4

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and **cunning craftiness**, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Craftiness 3834 panourgia {pan-oorg-ee'-ah} craftiness, cunning; a specious or false wisdom;

I CORINTHIANS 1:

20 Where is the **wise**? where is the **scribe**? where is the **dispute**r of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by **wisdom** knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. *(faith comes by hearing)*

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

**Wise**: sof 4680 sophos {sof-os'} wise, i.e. skilled in letters, cultivated, learned: of the Greek philosophers and orators, of Jewish theologians, of Christian teachers

S**cribe**: 1122 grammateus {gram-mat-yooce'} in the Bible, a man learned in the Mosaic law and in the sacred writings, an interpreter, teacher.

**Wisdom:** 4678 sophia {sof-ee'-ah} wisdom, broad and full of intelligence; used of the knowledge of very diverse matters

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

ROMANS 8:

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

*It can and is often subjected to wisdom and human reasoning.*

*Christians still have a carnal mind even if they have the Holy Ghost.*

ROMANS 8:

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

ROMANS 7:

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

ROMANS 8

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

EPHESIANS 6:

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with **truth**, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

JOHN 14:

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

ROMANS 3:

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

EPHESIANS 6:

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

*A religions success is measured by the number of converts it can count the true church is measured by those who are truly born again*.

LUKE 18:

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

*You can have faith in what you are made to see yet true faith in Christ is very personal and cannot be seen or understood with our carnal minds, but we must have the Spirit of God as our teacher.*

I CORINTHIANS 2:

6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are **perfect**: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Perfect: 5046 teleios {tel'-i-os} brought to its end, finished; wanting nothing necessary to completeness;

PHILIPPIANS 1:

18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

*To hear about Christ is where we start but you can only grow by continuing to hear the truth.*

EPHESIANS 4

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

*After hearing about Christ that is when the deceivers will lay in wait to deceive.*

*I recently spoke of servants and every person that starts with Christ starts as a servant but that can change.*

MATTHEW 6:

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

JOHN 15

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

*Generally, money is the object of many a fall and people love their doctrine which if it is contrary to the Word of God it can bring them like the religions of Christ day into a hate of God himself without knowing*

JOHN 16:

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

*I know that a common teaching is that difference in doctrine does not matter if you believe in Jesus Christ but this is a lie because Christ as a person is still the Word of God and in our text the wrong teaching about the resurrection stopped the faith of those believing that doctrine.*

*People whose faith has stopped can repent because God has called them out of error.*

REVELATION 18:

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the **hold** of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Hold: 5438 phulake {foo-lak-ay'} 1b) persons keeping watch, a guard, sentinels

of the place where captives are kept, a prison

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

*No preacher or any religion can ever take the place that Christ came to fulfil.*

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The voice said, "Cry." And I said, "What shall I cry? What shall I preach? What is the message men need to hear?" The voice said, "*Get up in a high mountain, lift up your voice, be not afraid, and say unto the people, BEHOLD YOUR GOD*!"

John Gill said it best: “*Behold your God*! That Divine Person is come that was promised, prophesied, and expected, even Emmanuel, God with us, God in our nature, God mani­fest in the flesh, God your Saviour; and who, being God, truly God, is able to save to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25).”

Look to Him with an eye of faith and be saved (Isa. 45:22). “*Behold your God.*” Behold the Son of God, the Lamb of God, who has borne our sins and taken them away (John 1:29). Be­hold Him now, as your King and your God, on the throne, made and declared Christ and Lord, crowned with glory and honor, on the same throne with His heavenly Father, having all power in heaven and earth. And let the echo of your faith be, “*My Lord and my God*!”

**Henry T. Mahan**

Our Lord sent the apostle Paul to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentile world. God was pleased to bless the message and redeem and call a multitude of guilty sinners to Himself. Many churches were established in the region of Galatia. After Paul had been imprisoned in Rome for the gospel's sake, many false teachers came among the churches preaching a false message of works salvation. The apostle called it, *"another gospel"* or a *"perverted gospel."* He also pronounced a strong curse upon all who declared such a message of, "Christ plus our efforts and righteousness equal salvation" (Gal. 1:6-12). The best way I know to expose error is by plainly declaring the truth. To reveal a crooked stick all you need to do is lay down a straight stick beside it. This is what Paul is doing in this epistle to the Galatians. Let us consider four things Paul plainly states about the true gospel of the grace of God revealed in these verses.

**1).** The reason why the Lord came in the flesh, *"that he might deliver us from this present evil world."* It is very obvious that no man is able to deliver Himself from the pit of sin and guilt. Only a fool would say, "I need no Redeemer." This is why the Lord came, to completely deliver and effectually redeem His people from their sin (Matt. 1:21; Rom. 11:26). We can be certain that He did not fail (Isa. 42:4; Rom. 4:25, 8:32). Any preaching that does not set Jesus Christ forth as the complete, effectual Deliverer, is *"another gospel."*

**2).** How did He accomplish this deliverance? *"Who gave himself for our sins."* The redemption of the Lord's sheep came at a great price (Acts 20:28). He purchased us with His own blood (1 Peter 1:18). Atonement and payment for sin can only be achieved by Jesus Christ our great High Priest (Heb. 9:12; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Jn. 4:10). Any preaching that does not declare Jesus Christ's triumphant and complete atonement for sin is, *"another gospel."*

**3)**. Why Jesus Christ came and why He died, *"according to the will of God and our Father."* If it had not been for the predestinating purpose of God and His eternal decree, Jesus Christ would not have died (Acts 2:23). If Christ had not died, none would be delivered. Salvation is always accomplished, determined and dependent upon God alone. Any preaching that makes salvation dependent and determined according to the will of men is *"another gospel"* (John 1:12-13; James 1:18; Rom. 9:15-16).

**4).** What shall we say concerning this great salvation, *"To whom be glory for ever and ever."* The grand design and ultimate end of everything God wills and performs is His glory (Ex. 33:18-19; Gal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 1:30-31). Any preaching that does not give God all the glory in the salvation of sinners is, *"another gospel." TOM HARDING*