



False Gospels and Cults – Lesson #1 & #2 (Notes)

Galatians 1:6-9; Ephesians 2:1-10

Based on Galatians 1:6-9, we can draw several conclusions.

- 1. First, there is only one true Gospel.**
- 2. Second, we will be held accountable for the Gospel we share.**
- 3. Third, the church should be center on the true Gospel.**

That brings us to the second focal passage. Ephesians 2:1-10 So, based Ephesians 2:1-8 this is a summary of the Gospel.

The Gospel is the good news that the only true God has looked upon hopeless, sinful mankind and has sent His Son Jesus Christ to be mankind's substitutionary atonement for sin through His death at cross and has displayed His power through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. Whoever is willing to turn away from a life sin and themselves and trusts in Jesus Christ will be reconciled to God forever.

Five important threads that are woven into the Gospel.

1. The first thread is the character of God. The Gospel shows us that God is the holy, just and gracious creator of all things.

- 1. First, God is holy.**
- 2. Second, God is just.**
- 3. Third, God is gracious.**

2. The second thread is the sinfulness of mankind. The Gospel makes it clear, that all of mankind has been corrupted by sin.

As a result of our sin and rebellion, every person is separated from God. Our sin leads to three realities.

- 1. First, we all experience shame and guilt.**
- 2. Second, we all experience fear in our relationship with God.**
- 3. Third, we all experience death. Physical and Spiritual death. (Ephesians 2:1-2)**

3. The third thread is the sufficiency of Christ. The word of God teaches us that Jesus alone is able to remove our sins and restore us back to God.

1. First, only Jesus is able to remove sin because of who He is. The Gospel teaches us that Jesus Christ was God in the human flesh.

2. Second, only Jesus is able to remove sin because of what He did.

Jesus is able to save because of who He is and what He did! His death is sufficient for the payment of sin.

4. Fourth, the necessity of faith.

Faith defined - It means to trust in Jesus as the Savior who died for me on the cross for my sins and I submit to Jesus as the Lord who rules over me.

Faith in the Christ and His saving work at the work is necessary for salvation.

5. Fifth, the urgency of the message. The Gospel message is an urgent message.