GOSPEL TOOLKIT

Will the real gospel please stand out?

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

The Gospel of the Uncircumcision

The Gospel of the Kingdom

The Everlasting Gospel The Gospel of the

The Gospel of Grace



Before we point our a few false gospels and get on to the business of talking about the one true gospel, we want to talk about what I mean by term:

Leaky Gospel or Leaky Believer!

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY THE TERM LEAKY GOSPEL?

The term *leaky* is an academic term, but it can be commonly understood by anyone. In simple terms, if your position is *leaky* it doesn't hold water!



One who holds a **leaky** position, believes something to be true, but he is not CONSISTENT in the way he arrives at his conclusions or aware that other things he believes contradict his views.



A **leaky** believer may be a Catholic, a charismatic, an evangelical or anyone else who is truly **relying on Christ alone to save him**, but he does not SEE the contradictions in what he believes.



Leaky gospel believers see themselves as loving and refusing to be negative. Their compromise of the truth, however muddies the true gospel and condemns others to a lost eternity.



Leaky Gospel Presentations offer false hope.

Don't be a **leaky** gospel promoter! Be willing to stand for the truth! Someone's soul depends on it!





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False Gospels

Typical False Gospels Which ADD to the Truth

Jewish Legalism – Requiring obedience Moses law in order to earn or maintain one's salvation. Still a problem in some Messianic centers.

Adventist Legalism – Requiring obedience to some aspect of Moses law in order to earn or maintain one's salvation. Modern Adventist issues include law keeping (Rev. 22:14), and Investigative Judgement.

Mormon Legalism – Requiring obedience to another Testament including the teachings of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young.

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Typical False Gospels Which ADD to the Truth

Church of Christ Legalism - Requiring Baptism in order to be saved.

Charismatic & Full Gospel Legalism – Requiring the gift of tongues construed as Spirit Baptism, etc., in order to be saved.

Sacramental Legalism – Requiring Admission to the church, the Eucharist, or other rites in order to be saved. This is the most common and most destructive of all error in our day.



Typical False Gospels Which ADD to the Truth

Shadow Evangelism - When the message we preach shadows the gospel but does not really proclaim the whole truth of sin, judgment, and substitution. It an inclusive, self help gospel that substitutes word of faith dynamics and the law of attraction in the name of Christ while conveniently obscurring the doctrines of sin, hell, true substitution, and eternal judgment.

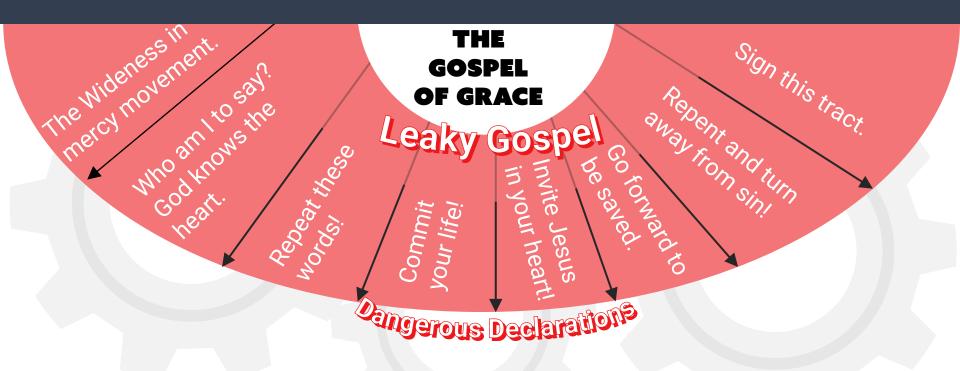
*Ironically, this form of antinomianism is still legalism because it puts its adherents in bondage to the law of attraction and other creation-based laws instead of biblical, promised based faith.



Typical False Gospels Which ADD to the Truth

Evangelical Legalism – Requiring folks to repent sufficiently, to agonize, to carry their crosses daily, to endure to the end, to forsake their parents and worldly goods, count the cost, or whatever in order to be saved or have assurance of their salvation. (A Kingdom/Grace Hybrid Gospel)

Example - In David Platt's <u>Follow Me</u>: "David, did you just say that works are involved in our salvation? In response to that question, I want to be clear: that is not what I am saying. Instead, it's what Jesus is saying."



Declarations Which OMIT the Truth Corrupt the Truth

The Gospel becomes false when facts are omitted.

Gospel becomes false when God's requirements omitted:

"Just believe in Jesus!" "Repeat these words!" "Commit your life to Jesus!" "Let Jesus in your heart!"



The Clear Gospel

How to Distinguish the Clear Gospel of Grace in the Scriptures - 1 Corinthians 15:1-3,4

- Adam and Eve Seed (Salvation in a victorious Saviour) Genesis 3:15
- Abel Sacrifice (Salvation through a sacrifice for sin), A Faith Witness, Called Righteous – Heb. 11:4, 12:24, Mat. 23:35
- Noah Faith, Preached Righteousness, Grace (Salvation by Grace) Gen. 6:8, Heb. 11:7
- Abraham Belief (Salvation/Righteousness imputed by faith), Gospel Gen. 15:6, Rom. 4:3, Gal. 3:6-9
- Israel Warning (The Gospel was rejected. Salvation/Righteousness Refused)
 Hebrews 4:1-3, Romans 10:3

CORE ELEMENTS OF THE ONE GOSPEL



SALVATION IS FOUND IN A PERSON.

WE NOW KNOW THAT IS JESUS CHRIST.

ROMANS 1:18



SACRIFICE

SALVATION IS ALWAYS THROUGH A SACRIFICE.

WE KNOW CHRIST BECAME OUR SUBSTITUTE

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3



RIGHTEOUSNESS

SALVATION REMOVES OUR SIN AND JUSTIFIES AND MAKES US RIGHTEOUS

THIS JUSTIFICATION IS BY FAITH ALONE.

ROMANS 5:1



GRACE

SALVATION IS PROVIDED BY GRACE AND NOT BY WORKS.

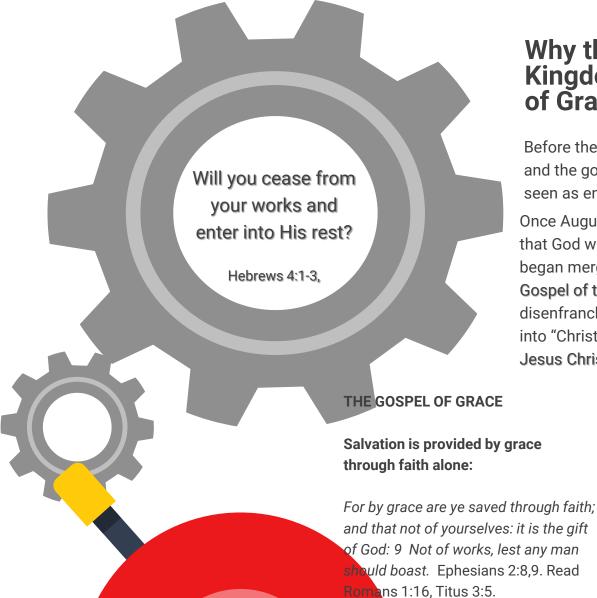
> EPHESIANS 2:8,9 TITUS 3:5



FACT: THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE AND ONLY ONE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD. IT IS A FREE GIFT FROM GOD.

FACT: IF YOUR GOSPEL <u>OMITS</u> ANY OF THE SCRIPTURAL ELEMENTS YOU JUST SAW IT IS NOT THIS ONE GOSPEL.

FACT: IF YOUR GOSPEL INCLUDES <u>ADDITIONAL</u>
REQUIREMENTS (SUCH AS ADOPTING THE MOSAIC LAW OR
THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM IT IS NOT THIS ONE GOSPEL).



Why the Gospel of the Kingdom is NOT the Gospel of Grace

Before the days of Augustine the gospel of grace and the gospel of Israel's coming kingdom were seen as entirely separate.

Once Augustine and his followers rejected the idea that God was offering a literal kingdom to Israel, they began merging the Gospel of the Kingdom with the Gospel of the Grace of God. In addition to disenfranchising Israel and infusing antisemitism into "Christianity," they corrupted the pure gospel of Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God is entered by works. Notice these verses about the Kingdom of God. You must:

- Agonize to enter:, Luke 13:24-30.
- Give away your goods. Mark 10:20-23.
- Take up your cross daily. Luke 9:23-27.
- Endure to the end. Mark 13:13 (the end is Christ returning to set up his kingdom.)

End of Session