

## What is a false Gospel?

The idea behind the existence of a false Gospel comes from Galatians 1:8-9. There are many faith systems that proclaim to honor Jesus Christ and yet their message is clearly not the same. When there are contradictory presentations of the Gospel, there can be no more than one of them that is true and accurate. The challenge is to come to grips with what is the truth.

1. What is the true Gospel?

1 Corinthians **15:1-14**

John **14:6**

Acts **2:22-24**; Acts 4:10-12

The true Gospel of Jesus Christ teaches that men are sinners in need of salvation. The only way possible for a man to be right with God is through Jesus Christ. When Jesus died, He did not die because he was at fault but because He would be the only acceptable payment for sin before God. The resurrection of Jesus Christ demonstrates the acceptance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as payment for sin.

2. What makes Jesus qualified to pay the penalty for sin?

Romans **1:1-5**

Philippians **2:5-8**

Colossians **2:6-10**

John 10:16-18

The fact that Jesus is the Son of God indicates that He shares the full nature of God. Jesus furthermore willingly and deliberately offered up His own life to be payment for sin. Since Jesus is God in flesh and since He offered up Himself, His sacrifice was accepted as payment. Only the life of the divine being is worthy of paying an infinite payment for sin.

3. What do false Gospels often ignore?

John **5:17-18**; 10:32-33

Mark 2:5-8

1 John **1:8-10**

The first thing that false Gospels ignore is the divine nature and character of Jesus Christ. While many may be willing to confess Jesus as being the Son of God, they refuse to acknowledge the ramifications of this relationship as indicating that Jesus Himself is of divine nature. False Gospels often ignore the sinfulness of man but in some fashion exalt ability of man to be good and to prosper.

4. What false promises to false Gospels make?

2 Timothy 3:1-7, **12-13**

Romans **4:4-5**

False Gospels often profess that there will be no afflictions nor persecutions in life. False Gospels often deny either their own sinfulness and debt to God or communicate the need for man to work in order to earn their salvation.

5. What are the ramifications of trusting in a false Gospel?

Galatians **1:8-12**

Matthew **7:21-23**

Trusting in a false Gospel results in being cursed by God and in receiving the outpouring of the wrath of God.