

Be Encouraged

A Different Jesus, Spirit And Gospel

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Reading: [Galatians 1:6-9](#)

Text: [2 Corinthians 11:1-4](#)

Introduction:

1. In [2 Corinthians 11:1-4](#), Paul expressed his concern for Corinth.
 - a. possible corruption from Christ— [v. 3](#)
 - b. some teaching "another Jesus, spirit, or gospel"— [v. 4](#)
2. The problem Paul faced is not unique to his time; it happens today!
 - a. Some teach a "another Jesus" than the Biblical Jesus.
 - b. Some are led by a "different Spirit" than God's
 - c. Some proclaim a "different gospel" than what the Apostles taught.

#1 A Different Jesus

A. As Preached By Some Today

1. Some "non-Christian" religions, of course, teach a different Jesus
 - a. That Jesus was simply a good man or teacher (e.g., Judaism)
 - b. That Jesus was a prophet of God (e.g., Islam)
2. Some professing "Christian" religions also teach a different Jesus
 - a. That He is a created being (Jehovah Witnesses)
 - b. That He is a god among many gods (Mormons)
 - c. The "Jesus Seminar" reduced who Jesus was, by stripping Him of many of the teachings and miracles attributed to Him in the Bible

B. The True Jesus is Revealed by His Apostles

1. As eyewitnesses they are qualified to testify about Jesus
 - a. [Acts 10:39-41](#)—We are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.
 - b. [2 Peter 1:16](#)—For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.
 - c. [1 John 1:1-2](#)—That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—
2. Their testimony, as recorded in the New Testament, reveal Jesus to be:
 - a. [Matthew 16:16](#) The Christ, the Son of the Living God -
 - b. [John 1:1-2](#) One who was with God, and was God -
 - c. [Colossians 2:9-10](#) One in Whom all the fullness of God dwells bodily
 - d. [1 Corinthians 15:1-4](#) One Who died and rose from the dead
 - e. [Matthew 7:13-23](#) One Who taught faithful obedience avoids hell

#2 A Different Spirit

A. Many profess to be vocally led by the Spirit

1. It is common to hear, "The Spirit led me to do this, believe that..."
 - a. They believe the Holy Spirit leads through impressions, intuition,...
 - b. They believe the Holy Spirit leads people in all the denominations
2. Yet these same people teach conflicting doctrines "from the Spirit"
 - a. "Pray to Mary;" others say it's blasphemous
 - b. "Joseph Smith is a prophet, others "he was a false prophet"
 - c. In one highly publicized case, one church said the Spirit led them to sell their church building at a set price; but another church wanting to buy the building said the Spirit told them the price was too high!
3. [1 John 4:1](#)—John was wise to write "test the spirits"

B. The True Spirit Inspired the Apostles.

1. [John 16:12-13](#)—was to guide them into all the truth -
2. [Acts 8:29](#) the Spirit "said" to Philip...
3. [Acts 16:6-7](#) Paul's "impression" was one way, the Holy Spirit was clear
4. [Hebrews 2:1-4](#)—Spirit "confirmed" revelation by signs and wonders
5. [Jude 3](#) "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered"

#3 A Different Gospel

A. Today Many Different Gospels

1. Some teach that baptism without faith saves
2. Others teach that faith without baptism saves
3. [Mark 16:16](#)—Jesus taught that both faith and baptism saves
4. [Galatians 1:8-9](#) any change results in a "perverted gospel"

B. The Apostles Proclaimed The True Gospel

1. [1 Corinthians 15:1-3](#)—Jesus was crucified for our sins -
2. [1 Corinthians 15:4](#)—He was raised from the dead -
3. [Acts 2:33-36](#)—He is exalted as Lord and Savior
4. [2 Thess 1:7-10](#)—He is coming again for judgment and to be glorified

Conclusion:

1. [2 Thess 1:8](#) Their gospel also contained "commands to obey"
 - a. Believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God - [Acts 8:35-37](#)
 - b. Confess your faith in Jesus as Lord - [Romans 10:9-10](#)
 - c. Repent of your sins - [Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30](#)
 - d. Be baptized for the remission of your sins - [Acts 2:38; 22:16](#)
 - e. Remain faithful to the Lord until death - [Matt 28:19-20; Rev 2:10](#)
2. their gospel contained "promises to receive"
 - a. The remission of sins - [Acts 2:38; 3:19](#)
 - b. The gift of the Holy Spirit - [Acts 2:38; John 7:37-39; Acts 5:32](#)
 - c. The gift of eternal life - [Romans 6:23](#)