

Study 2
Galatians 1:6-24

1. What is Paul being accused of by the false teachers of Galatia? How does Paul defend himself?
2. What is the difference between the Christian gospel and other religions like Buddhism? Why is it that Christians always have to refer to the Bible? Why does this make sense?
3. How did Paul refute his critics and defend his contention that it was he who had the gospel of God and not his critics?

4. Look at Galatians 1:10 and discuss what is the main motivation for anyone to preach an alternative gospel than the one Paul originally preached. Look at Galatians 4:17 and 6:11-13. Do you see this happening in modern-day churches? Give examples.

5. Look at this portion of the correspondence course from the 7th Day Adventist church and can you see what they are advocating? Is this a Gospel 2.0?

*"Do you want to be a Christian? ... The steps to Christ are few and plain and easy to understand, and we will turn to God's Guidebook now for information. ... **Believe**; that's the first step toward becoming a Christian. ... the second step is **repentance** ... repentance is simply being sorry for our sins and putting them away ... the next step in becoming a Christian is **confession** ... real repentance and confession mean not only to stop sinning, but to do everything possible to make past wrongs right ... The next step is **baptism**, and the proof for that is found in [Acts 2:38-39](#) ... Fifth, **obedience through Christ in us** ... So we have clearly outlined the steps that we need to take in order to become a Christian: to believe in God, to repent of and to confess our sins, to be baptized, AND TO OBEY ALL THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD. ... He may stumble and fall, but he gets up and presses forward again, determined to overcome by God's enabling power. Such a fall is not counted against him when he repents and asks forgiveness and divine help to live the right life" (New Life Voice of Prophecy Guide, #12)
https://www.wayoflife.org/reports/a_warning_about_seventh_day_adventism.html*

6. What are some of the characteristics of modern-day distortions of the gospel otherwise labeled in the video as Gospel 2.0?

7. Can you share your experience in the churches you have been to that might have elements of a man-made gospel rather than the historical gospel of God as preached by Paul?

8. Reflection question. Why is it so tempting for people to believe in distorted gospel?

Takeaway

The gospel is a divine revelation from God, not a man-made invention, and it proclaims the complete and redemptive work of Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind. It reminds us that salvation is entirely by God's grace and does not require additional actions or legalistic practices to be complete.