



NO HUMAN GOSPEL

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1. Reaffirm truth of Gospel – revelation of God
2. Principles – apply to our lives, churches

= how we should live in the light of the good news
revealed by God



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False teachers are:

1. Challenging Paul's authority – “Not a proper apostle”
2. Challenging Paul's message – “Not a proper gospel”



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1. Gospel from God – No human gospel
 2. Christ crucified – Can't add to it
 3. Gospel unites – Doesn't divide
- Gospel brings Glory to God



1:11 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. **12** I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

17 I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

18 Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas^[b] and stayed with him fifteen days. **19** I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord’s brother. **20** I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.

21 Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. **22** I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. **23** They only heard the report: “The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” **24** And they praised God because of me.



^{1:11} I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹² I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

¹³ For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.

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2. Gospel: Good news of what Christ has done for us through the cross

2 Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. ² I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. ³ Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. ⁴ This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. ⁵ We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶ As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favouritism—they added nothing to my message.

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3. Gospel unites, brings Glory to God

⁷ On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. ⁸ For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. ⁹ James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

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God's gospel	Human 'gospel'
Saved by faith in what Jesus has done	Trust in what we have done
--- eyes fixed on Christ	--- eyes fixed on rules, works, effort
Brings unity	Brings discord
--- build one another up in love	--- tear ourselves and each other apart
Gives Glory to God for what he has done	Seeks approval for what we have done
THE GOOD NEWS THAT SAVES & UNITES US WITH GOD	NO GOSPEL AT ALL