

Week of November 26, 2023
Series: The Story, Ch. 9, Pt. 7
Sermon: No Other Gospel
Text: Galatians 1:6-9

Sermon Outline:

Biblical Truth: False gospels distort the true gospel.

Three pervasive false gospels...

1. The **performance** gospel.

Problem: My behavior.

Solution: Do better.

Promise: I'm probably okay.

True gospel: yes, you're a *sinner*, but by *grace through faith*, you can be assured of salvation.

2. The **prosperity** gospel.

Problem: My experience.

Solution: Have more faith.

Promise: Better life.

True gospel: yes, this life is less than all God intended, but God *uses our experiences* in this life, to bring us *fullness of joy* – now, and eternally.

3. The **political** gospel.

Problem: Our world.

Solution: Get involved.

Promise: Heaven on earth.

True gospel: yes, we live in a *broken world*, but Christians should *actively work in it*, until *King Jesus returns*.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Galatians 1:6-9 & 3:1-3. If you believe in a "Performance Gospel", your faith is in you rather than in Jesus. On a scale of 1-10, how assured are you of your salvation? Based on your behavior, do you have more assurance on some days vs. others? If so, how might that be evidence that you believe in a "Performance Gospel"?
2. Read Philippians 4:11-13. If you believe in a "Prosperity Gospel", you think that the primary reason Jesus came is so you can have a better life rather than so you can have Jesus Himself. You believe God is simply the pathway to get what you really want. How would you respond to this question below from Pastor John Piper? Your response may determine whether you believe in a "Prosperity Gospel".

"If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ were not there?"

- John Piper

3. Read Philippians 3:7-10. Jesus is not a means to an end. He is the end. He is the goal. He is the aim. If you find yourself more passionate about legislation than Jesus, then you might be trusting in a "Political Gospel". How can we actively engage a broken culture without letting better laws for a better society become the ultimate aim?