

The Social Gospel - A *Different* Gospel

Gal 1 “6 a different gospel 7 ... some ... distort
THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. 8 But even if we, or an
angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel
contrary to what we have preached to you, he is
to be accursed! ... 2:16 “not justified by the
works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus”

Counterfeit \$100 bill? Look for differences from the *original!*

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GC—Purpose : Salvation of souls

Rom 1:16 “I am not ashamed of THE GOSPEL, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...
18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men ... 3:21 the righteousness of God has been manifested... 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ... 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

SG—Social improvement

(Disease, poverty, government, education, crime)

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GC—Motivation: Hope of heaven, fear of hell,
devotion to God

Mk 16:15 “Go into all the world and preach **THE GOSPEL** to all creation. 16 He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”

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2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

SG— Better earthly life

(Wealth, health, peace, freedom, enjoyment)

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GC—Methods: Preach, teach gospel of Christ

Ac 2:14 “But Peter...raised his voice and declared to them...give heed to my words... 37 ...when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart , and said...what shall we do? 38 Peter said to them, “Repent...be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins... 40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved ... 41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized...”

SG—Fleshly weapons

(Please senses—sight, sound, emotion ... choirs, bands, clapping, shouting, jumping, etc.)

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2Co 10:4 “the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ”

(Thus, these kinds of lessons!

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GC—Authority: Christ ...the Word of God

Mt 28:18 “All authority has been given to Me... 19 ...make disciples... 20 “teaching them to observe all that I commanded you”

1Co 14:37 “the things which I write to you are the Lord's command.”

1Co 4:17 “he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.”

SG— Human wisdom

(Preachers, feelings, experience, tradition, etc.)

Note: This is not to say the Gospel of Christ does not REGULATE social conduct (not an "in the church-bldg" religion), nor to say it does not have social IMPACT—it will AFFECT our attitude & conduct relative to our family, our work, our finances, our entertainment—But, it is different from the “Social Gospel” in Purpose, Motivation, Method, Authority!

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Learn the difference!

At stake - Your SOUL Mt 16:26

“...what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

“...examine everything carefully” 1Th 5:21. “examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so” Ac 17:11

Do not settle for anything less than the TRUE Gospel!

2Th 1:7 “...the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,
8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who DO NOT OBEY the GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power”

Emphasis

- GC - Spiritual and eternal Eph 1:3f...13;
3:6-8
- SG - Physical and temporal

Use this in another lesson. 002206 is the pages outline revised 2023 basing the approach on Jn6 - cmpr that one.

John chapter 6

- v 26 - motivation
- v 27 - emphasis
- vv 28-31 - methods
- vv 32-33 - purpose
- vv 68-69 - authority, source

v 66!

- 1Co 15:1-4 - Prophecies
- 1Tim 3:15-16 - Church
- 1Co 1:22-24 - Self

Gal 1:11-12; Jn 3:16

