

THE ONLY TRUE GOSPEL

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TEXT: GALATIANS 1:1-10 (NIV)

INTRODUCTION

When we speak of an imitation, we are conjuring up the idea of a simulation, a reproduction of some kind, or maybe an impersonation. Trying to replicate something or something about someone may get close, but there's something that's just lacking about an imitation. Even if it's close, we know, by comparing it to the original, that it's just not the same.

The Apostle Paul makes several *assertions* in this passage concerning the true Gospel.

I. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY WAY TO SALVATION (VV.1-5).

A. He gave himself to rescue us from our sins.

B. His offering of Himself was the will of the Father.

II. ABANDONING THE TRUE GOSPEL IS ABANDONING CHRIST (VV.6-9).

A. Following after those who would distort the Gospel is a dead end.

B. Abandoning the true Gospel places us back under the curse of sin.

III. WHAT WE CHOOSE REVEALS OUR MOTIVATION (V.10).

A. Are we seeking to please God through our faith?

B. Are we seeking to please human beings?

CONCLUSION

Paul's *assertions* in this passage concerning the true Gospel leave no doubt as to the choices the Christian must make while living in this world and holding to Christ.