

Preaching Another Jesus

2 Cor. 11:1-4

Introduction:

- A. Is it possible that the Jesus we have often hear preached is not the Biblical Jesus that Paul preached?
 - 1. Preaching another *Jesus, gospel, spirit* condemned by Paul.
 - 2. Preaching of another Jesus is more common that we might think.
- B. It is possible to turn the the Biblical Jesus into another Jesus, much like turning gospel into another. (cf. Gal. 1:6-10).
- C. It is our purpose to point out other Jesus's that we sometimes hear preached:

Discussion:

I. A Jesus Without The *Power* Of The Biblical Jesus.

- A. Preached by the *Modernist*.
 - 1. A good man, but not Deity.
 - 2. Natural, not miraculous.
 - a. If no virgin birth then Jesus was illegitimate son of Mary.
 - b. If no real miracles, then no real forgiveness. (Matt. 9:1-8).
 - c. If no bodily resurrection, then no gospel or salvation. (1 Cor. 15)
- B. Preached by the *Premillennialist*.
 - 1. Could not establish kingdom because of Jewish opposition - substituted "church age."
 - 2. Does not now have all power - must wait. (cf. Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:29-35)

II. A Jesus Without The *Plan* Of The Biblical Jesus.

- A. Preached by the "Man, not the Plan" advocates.
 - 1. Expects little or no obedience - just "love."
 - 2. Extends fellowship to those who abide not in doctrine of Christ. (cf. 2 John 9-11)
- B. Preached by denominational preachers.
 - 1. Justifies by "faith only" (cf. James 2:24).
 - 2. Personally touches hearts of sinners to produce saving faith. (cf. Rom. 10:5,6,17; 1 Pet. 1:22-25)
 - 3. Will not let a "born again Christian" be lost. (cf. John 15:1-8)
 - 4. Lets men worship Him anyway they feel like. (cf. Matt. 15:9).
- C. Preached by the "Social gospeler."
 - 1. Has temporal rather than spiritual mission. (John 6:26,27; Matt. 26:6-13; cf. Acts 6:2)
 - 2. Cf. Various denominational ministries.

III. A Jesus Without The *Personality* Of The Biblical Jesus.

- A. The personality of Jesus known only by studying the Biblical record.
 - 1. By learning all writers wrote concerning his personal characteristics.
 - 2. By observing the apostles as they imitated Jesus. (I Cor. 11:1; 1 Cor. 2:16).
- B. The personality of Jesus distorted by many who are stripping church of it backbone - "Christ-like" - "spirit of Christ."
 - 1. Compassionate (Mk. 6:34) but never angry. (Mk. 3:5).
 - 2. Says, "Neither do I condemn thee" but not "go and sin no more". (John 8:11)
 - 3. Forgiving but not rebuking .(cf. Matt. 23)
 - 4. Tolerant , but not strict .(cf. Matt. 5)
 - 5. Tender (little child in hand), but not tough (whip in hand for money changers).
 - 6. Soft-spoken but not one to raise his voice. (cf. John 12:43ff)
 - 7. Super-sweet-spirited and positive, but not negative and condemning. (Luke 13:3,5; John 8:44)

Conclusion:

- A. We must not teach another Jesus.
- B. We must not tolerate the teaching of another Jesus.
- C. We must not take to another Jesus.