

Message 9 in the Series: Just So You Know

Message: The Original Gospel

Text: 1 John 2:18-24

1 John 2:18-24 ⁽¹⁸⁾ Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. ⁽¹⁹⁾ They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. ⁽²⁰⁾ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. ⁽²¹⁾ I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ⁽²²⁾ Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. ⁽²³⁾ Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. ⁽²⁴⁾ As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

John's warning against allowing our hearts to be drawn away from God towards the things of the world (the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life) is followed up by his warning against other gospels being proclaimed by the "spirit of the antichrist" (1 John 4:3).

The word "antichrist" means against or instead of Christ; that which opposes Christ or tries to replace Him with another.

These antichrists (opposers), were once a part of the church but had left; they had gone out on their own. John remarks, "They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us." These individuals were denying that Jesus was the Messiah or the Christ. Particularly, they denied that the Christ had come in the flesh.

1 John 4:2-3 ⁽²⁾ By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; ⁽³⁾ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

According to the gospel, the gospel which had been proclaimed from the beginning; God sent forth His Son, conceived by the power of His Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and was given the name Jesus for He would save His people from their sins! He was the Word who was with God, and who was God. He was the Word who became flesh. He lived, He was crucified and buried, and He rose alive from the dead on the third day defeating sin, death, Hell, and the grave!

Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life! No One comes to the Father except by Me." – **John 14:6**. There is no other gospel! Jesus Christ is the original Gospel!



o·rig·i·nal

/əˈrɪjənəl/

adjective

1. present or existing from the beginning; first or earliest.
"the original owner of the house"


Similar: indigenous native aboriginal first earliest early initial ▼

2. created directly and personally by a particular artist; not a copy or imitation.
"original Rembrandts"

Similar: authentic genuine actual real true pukka bona fide ▼

There is only one original gospel – “That which is from the beginning”

There is no other way – no alternatives – no other versions of the gospel

 **ver·sion**
/'vɜːʒən/

noun

- a particular form of something differing in certain respects from an earlier form or other forms of the same type of thing.
"a revised version of the paper was produced for a later meeting"

Similar: sort kind type variety genre class category style ▼

- an account of a matter from a particular person's point of view.
"he told her his version of events"

Similar: report statement description record account story ▼

The Gospel has not changed (the Original Gospel). There may be many versions made available –

Matthew 7:21-23 ⁽²¹⁾ “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. ⁽²²⁾ Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' ⁽²³⁾ And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness.” (sin is lawlessness)

The Original Gospel

1 John 2:24 “...let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning.”

1. What We Have Heard and Been Taught

- The gospel from God’s own Son

Hebrews 1:1-2 ⁽¹⁾ God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ⁽²⁾ in these last days has spoken to us in His Son.

Jesus Christ is the origin of the gospel. (from the word origin came the term ‘original’)

2 Timothy 3:14 Continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*.

Jesus said, “You’ve seen Me, you’ve seen the Father.” Paul writes, “Follow me as I follow Christ.” We must know the life, the origin, of our gospel source.

God’s messengers preach and teach the gospel, but it is the Holy Spirit that manifests it to the heart.

His Spirit witnesses with our spirit – He reveals His truth to us “That we may know”

2. What We Know

- Personal experience

1 John 2:20-21 ⁽²⁰⁾ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. ⁽²¹⁾ I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

The Holy One has given to us the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we have been consecrated and set apart unto God. We have come out of darkness and placed in His marvelous light.

John 16:13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth...He will disclose to you what is to come.

We have the personal witness of our own life. A personal knowledge of the Gospel's impact on our own life.

- God's work in your life (effective truth)

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ⁽⁹⁾ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, ⁽¹⁰⁾ nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. ⁽¹¹⁾ Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

What a treasure it is to have heard and believed the gospel. The original gospel is Jesus Christ come in the flesh. From Him originates all truth – that which is from the beginning. It is the power of God unto salvation!

3. What you have

1 John 2:24 "If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father."

- God's presence in your life
- Assurance of eternal life

Romans 8:16-17 ⁽¹⁶⁾ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, ⁽¹⁷⁾ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

Warning –

1 Timothy 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons

Don't listen to "versions" of the gospel. Let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning – **THE ORIGINAL GOSPEL.**