

Returning to the Authentic Gospel
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Second Corinthians
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A DECEPTIVE speaker will always DELIVER a DILUTED sermon!

1. The MAGNITUDE – The authenticity of the Gospel is SERIOUS!

2 Corinthians 11:1–2 (ESV) — *I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.*

Boast

Καυχάομαι – (kauchaomai)

To express an unusually high degree of confidence in someone or something being exceptionally noteworthy

James 3:5 (ESV) — *So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!*

James 4:16 (ESV) — *As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.*

Jeremiah 9:23–24 (ESV) — *Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”*

1 Corinthians 1:31 (ESV) — *So that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*

2 Corinthians 10:17 (ESV) — *“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”*

2 Corinthians 11:2 (ESV) — *For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.*

Exodus 34:14 (NLT) — You must worship no other gods, for the LORD, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.

God's jealousy is not envy, but intimacy!

1 Corinthians 10:18–20 (ESV) — Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.

2. The MESSAGE – Does it line up with SCRIPTURE?

2 Corinthians 11:3–6 (ESV) — But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles. Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

Satan comes against us as a roaring lion to devour and a cunning wolf to deceive!

1 Peter 5:8 (ESV) — Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Matthew 7:15 (ESV) — Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Jude 3 (ESV) — Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

Ephesians 2:19–22 (ESV) — So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

3. The MOTIVATION – Is the speaker SINCERE?

2 Corinthians 11:7–11 (ESV) — Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's gospel to you free of charge? I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way. As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

1 Corinthians 9:9–11 (ESV) — For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

1 Timothy 5:17 (ESV) — Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

Luke 12:34 (ESV) — For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

2 Corinthians 11:9–11 (ESV) — And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way. As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

4. The MESSENGER – Are they guided by God’s SPIRIT?

2 Corinthians 11:12–15 (ESV) — And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as

apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Isaiah 14:12–14 (ESV) — How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

Satan’s disguised deception is dangerous!

John 8:44 (ESV) — You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Focus on their Purity not their Piety!

Religious leaders walk in piety, but righteous leaders walk in purity!

Religious leaders lead by superiority, but righteous leaders lead in humility!

Religious leaders lead through intimidation, but righteous leaders lead through intimacy!

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Crossgates, Wed Worship

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Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) — But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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_____ sermon!

1. The _____ – *The authenticity of the Gospel*
is _____!

2. The _____ – *Does it line up with*
_____?

3. The _____ – *Is the speaker*
_____?

4. The _____ – *Are they guided by God's*
_____?