

A Biblical Worldview In the Age of Apostasy

Part 5 Handout
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Rightly Dividing God's Unchanging Word (Truth) for a Biblical Worldview in the midst of the godless worldview causing the great apostasy (falling away from the truth) in the church. Jesus said "many" pastors, preachers and teachers would deceive "many" because they no longer believe God's Word is true. Matt 24:5

In part 4 we read and broke down Paul's letter to the church in chapter one of Galatians. Let's go over a few highlights from that chapter before we begin chapter 2.

Galatians 1 AMPC

1 Paul, an apostle—[special messenger appointed and commissioned and sent out] not from [any body of] men nor by or through [a]any man, but by and through Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and God the Father, Who raised Him from among the dead—

2 And all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace and spiritual blessing be to you and [soul] peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah),

4 Who gave (yielded) Himself up [[b]to atone] for our sins [and [c]to save and sanctify us], in order to rescue and deliver us from this present wicked age and world order, in accordance with the will and purpose and plan of our God and Father—

5 To Him [be ascribed all] the glory through all the ages of the ages and the eternities of the eternities! Amen (so be it).

6 I am surprised and astonished that you are so quickly [d]turning renegade and deserting Him Who invited and called you [e]by the grace (unmerited favor) of Christ (the Messiah) [and that you are transferring your allegiance] to a different [even an opposition] gospel.

7 Not that there is [or could be] any other [genuine Gospel], but there are [obviously] some who are troubling and disturbing and bewildering you [[f]with a different kind of teaching which they offer as a gospel] and want to pervert and distort the Gospel of Christ (the Messiah) [into something which it absolutely is not].

8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to and different from that which we preached to you, let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

9 As we said before, so I now say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel different from or contrary to that which you received [from us], let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

10 Now am I trying to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah).

11 For I want you to know, brethren, that the Gospel which was proclaimed and made known by me is not man's gospel [a human invention, according to or patterned after any human standard].

12 For indeed I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but [it came to me] through a [direct] revelation [given] by Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

13 You have heard of my earlier career and former manner of life in the Jewish religion (Judaism), how I persecuted and abused the church of God furiously and extensively, and [with fanatical zeal did my best] to make havoc of it and destroy it.

14 And [you have heard how] I outstripped many of the men of my own generation among the people of my race in [my advancement in study and observance of the laws of] Judaism, so extremely enthusiastic and zealous I was for the traditions of my ancestors.

15 But when He, Who had chosen and set me apart [even] before I was born and had called me by His grace (His undeserved favor and blessing), saw fit and was pleased

16 To reveal (unveil, disclose) His Son within me so that I might proclaim Him among the Gentiles (the non-Jewish world) as the glad tidings (Gospel), immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood [did not consult or counsel with any frail human being or communicate with anyone].

17 Nor did I [even] go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles (special messengers of Christ) before I was, but I went away and retired into Arabia, and afterward I came back again to Damascus.

18 Then three years later, I did go up to Jerusalem to become [personally] acquainted with Cephas (Peter), and remained with him for fifteen days.

19 But I did not see any of the other apostles (the special messengers of Christ) except James the brother of our Lord.

20 Now [note carefully what I am telling you, for it is the truth], I write this as if I were standing before the bar of God; I do not lie.

21 Then I went into the districts (countries, regions) of Syria and Cilicia.

22 And so far I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Christ in Judea (the country surrounding Jerusalem). 23 They were only hearing it said, He who used to persecute us is now proclaiming the very faith he once reviled and which he set out to ruin and tried with all his might to destroy. 24 And they glorified God [as the Author and Source of what had taken place] in me.

We looked at the George Barna poll regarding the percentage of those in the United States who call themselves Christian... only 9% have a Biblical Worldview. From part 1 of our series, 41% of senior pastors have a Biblical Worldview and it falls sharply as you move to teaching pastor, children and youth pastor which only 9% have a biblical worldview. This is why it is important to where you go to church, the preaching you are listening to, the teaching that you are sitting under.

Remember, the great Apostasy was foretold. The falling away from the truth and not the falling away from attendance was foretold by the New Testament writers. Preaching and teaching will be absent of sin judgment righteousness and the things that were prophesied to alert us to Jesus is coming so we would not be caught unaware.

This falling away from the truth is a sign, it has to happen and Jesus (the Word) said **many** pastors, preachers and teachers in the church, leaders in religion (just like the Sanhedrin) will deceive **many**.

Galatians 11:7 AMPC

7 Not that there is [or could be] any other [genuine Gospel], but there are [obviously] some who are troubling and disturbing and bewildering you [[f]with a different kind of teaching which they offer as a gospel] and want to pervert and distort the Gospel of Christ (the Messiah) [into something which it absolutely is not].

Don't be afraid of leaving friends, churches that you have been at for a long time... Paul said don't even listen to me anymore. Don't be afraid of being lonely, be afraid of not being HOLY!

Galatians 2 AMPC

1 Then after [an interval] of fourteen years I again went up to Jerusalem. [This time I went] with Barnabas, taking Titus along with [me] also.

2 I went because it was specially and divinely revealed to me that I should go, and I put before them the Gospel [declaring to them that] which I preach among the Gentiles. However, [I presented the matter] privately before those of repute, [for I wanted to make certain, by thus at first confining my communication to this private conference] that I was not running or had not run in vain [guarding against being discredited either in what I was planning to do or had already done].

3 But [all went well!] even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled [as some had anticipated] to be circumcised, although he was a Greek.

4 [My precaution was] because of false brethren who had been secretly smuggled in [to the Christian brotherhood]; they had slipped in to spy on our liberty and the freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might again bring us into bondage [under the Law of Moses].

5 To them we did not yield submission even for a moment, that the truth of the Gospel might continue to be [preserved] for you [in its purity].

6 Moreover, [no new requirements were made] by those who were reputed to be something—though what was their individual position and whether they really were of importance or not makes no difference to me; God is not impressed with the positions that men hold and He is not partial and recognizes no external distinctions—

those [I say] who were of repute imposed no new requirements upon me [had nothing to add to my Gospel, and from them I received no new suggestions].

7 But on the contrary, when they [really] saw that I had been entrusted [to carry] the Gospel to the uncircumcised [Gentiles, just as definitely] as Peter had been entrusted [to proclaim] the Gospel to the circumcised [Jews, they were agreeable];

8 For He Who motivated and fitted Peter and worked effectively through him for the mission to the circumcised, motivated and fitted me and worked through me also for [the mission to] the Gentiles.

9 And when they knew (perceived, recognized, understood, and acknowledged) the grace (God's unmerited favor and spiritual blessing) that had been bestowed upon me, James and Cephas (Peter) and John, who were reputed to be pillars of the Jerusalem church, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, with the understanding that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised (Jews).

10 They only [made one stipulation], that we were to remember the poor, which very thing I was also eager to do.

11 But when Cephas (Peter) came to Antioch, I protested and opposed him to his face [concerning his conduct there], for he was blameable and stood condemned.

12 For up to the time that certain persons came from James, he ate his meals with the Gentile [converts]; but when the men [from Jerusalem] arrived, he withdrew and held himself aloof from the Gentiles and [ate] separately for fear of those of the circumcision [party].

13 And the rest of the Jews along with him also concealed their true convictions and acted insincerely, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy (their example of insincerity and pretense).

14 But as soon as I saw that they were not straightforward and were not living up to the truth of the Gospel, I said to Cephas (Peter) before everybody present, If you, though born a Jew, can live [as you have been living] like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how do you dare now to urge and practically force the Gentiles to [comply with the ritual of Judaism and] live like Jews?

15 [I went on to say] Although we ourselves (you and I) are Jews by birth and not Gentile (heathen) sinners,

16 Yet we know that a man is justified or reckoned righteous and in right standing with God not by works of the Law, but [only] through faith and [absolute] reliance on and adherence to and trust in Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). [Therefore] even we [ourselves] have believed on Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law [for we cannot be justified by any observance of the ritual of the Law given by Moses], because by keeping legal rituals and by works no human being can ever be justified (declared righteous and put in right standing with God).

17 But if, in our desire and endeavor to be justified in Christ [to be declared righteous and put in right standing with God wholly and solely through Christ], we have shown ourselves sinners also and convicted of sin, does that make Christ a minister (a party and contributor) to our sin? Banish the thought! [Of course not!]

18 For if I [or any others who have taught that the observance of the Law of Moses is not essential to being justified by God should now by word or practice teach or intimate that it is essential to] build up again what I tore down, I prove myself a transgressor.

19 For I through the Law [under the operation of the curse of the Law] have [in Christ's death for me] myself died to the Law and all the Law's demands upon me, so that I may [henceforth] live to and for God.

20 I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

21 [Therefore, I do not treat God's gracious gift as something of minor importance and defeat its very purpose]; I do not set aside and invalidate and frustrate and nullify the grace (unmerited favor) of God. For if justification (righteousness, acquittal from guilt) comes through [observing the ritual of] the Law, then Christ (the Messiah) died groundlessly and to no purpose and in vain. [His death was then wholly superfluous.]

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So many things happening in the is passage...Paul called out Peter, Paul didn't want to be associated with those preaching and teaching a different gospel...wants to confirm they are not adding (religion) or deleting anything from God's Word creating iniquity or unrepentant sin.

This is the importance of Holy and righteous leaders who believe God's Word, live it, get rid of the things that can easily entangle and will tell you the whole truth regardless of culture. The New Testament writers and Jesus himself always said - go read the prophet regarding the end time events - they have been proven to always be correct that are never wrong.

Let's go back to the Old Testament...

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose

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Numbers 13:1-3 AMPC - 12 spies (Joshua and Caleb)

1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,

2 Send men to explore and scout out [for yourselves] the land of Canaan, which I give to the Israelites....

From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader or head among them.

3 So Moses by the command of the Lord sent scouts from the Wilderness of Paran, all of them men who were heads of the Israelites.

25 And they returned from scouting out the land after forty days.

26 They came to Moses and Aaron and to all the Israelite congregation in the Wilderness of Paran at Kadesh, **and brought them word, and showed them the land's fruit.**

27 They told Moses, We came to the land to which you sent us; surely it flows with milk and honey. This is its fruit.

28 **But** he people who dwell there are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; moreover, there we saw the sons of Anak [of great stature and courage].

30 Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; we are well able to conquer it.

31 But his fellow scouts said, We are not able to go up against the people [of Canaan], for they are stronger than we are.

32 **So they brought the Israelites an evil report of the land which they had scouted out, saying,**

The land through which we went to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. And all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature.

33 *There we saw the Nephilim [or giants], the sons of Anak, who come from the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.*

John 14:10 - ...but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

We get to hear from John who heard Jesus first hand. Wait, the Israelites heard from Moses who heard from God first hand.

Numbers 14:1-10 AMPC

1 AND ALL the congregation cried out with a loud voice, and [they] wept that night...

10 **But all the congregation said to stone [Joshua and Caleb] with stones.** *But the glory of the Lord appeared at the Tent of Meeting before all the Israelites.*

11 *And the Lord said to Moses, How long will this people provoke (spurn, despise) Me? And how long will it be before they believe Me [trusting in, relying on, clinging to Me], for all the signs which I have performed among them?*

22 **Because all those men who have seen My glory and My [miraculous] signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tested and proved Me these ten times and have not heeded My voice,**

23 **Surely they shall not see the land which I swore to give to their fathers; nor shall any who provoked (spurned, despised) Me see it.**

24 **But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.**

26 *And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron,*

27 *How long will this evil congregation murmur against Me? I have heard the complaints the Israelites murmur against Me.*

28 Tell them, As I live, says the Lord, what you have said in My hearing I will do to you:

29 Your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness--of all who were numbered of you, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me,

Numbers 14:30-38 KJV

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

He is saying none of you are going in. You are going to rise and fall to the level of what you believe and what you say. But there are 2 that are going to receive the Promises in God's Word... Joshua and Caleb Why?- because of what they said and when they did. They were not ashamed, they saw the obstacles, they saw what was taking place as they were for warned. But, they still lived and spoke a life that lined up with God's Word, His Promised and they did it publicly because they were not ashamed and believed.

They were going to be killed because of what they said, (what God said to do - just like Stephen was killed by religion) the people who were being led by God out of captivity and who had seen all the miracles wanted to stone them. For believing in what God said He would perform. They just couldn't see it. Well they didn't see how the Red Sea was going to be parted either.

John 12:42-44 AMPC

42 And yet [in spite of all this] many even of the leading men (the authorities and the nobles) believed and trusted in Him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that [if they should acknowledge Him] they would be expelled from the synagogue;

43 For they loved the approval and the praise and the glory that come from men [instead of and] more than the glory that comes from God. [They valued their credit with men more than their credit with God.] 44 But Jesus loudly declared, The one who believes in Me does not [only] believe in and trust in and rely on Me, but [in believing in Me he believes] in Him Who sent Me.

They were afraid, afraid of what man might say they were afraid of being thrown out of the church (the synagogue). Well look at what happened to those ones who didn't believe in what God said in Numbers 14:37 and then what happens when you believe and speak to those things God did say in verse -38.

Numbers 14:37 *Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.*

sound like what you speak is life and death doesn't it?

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

Proverbs 18:21 AMPC

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].

Everything that's in you, every thought and Word that's not from God's Word He wants to get out of you. Every false teacher and preacher HE wants you to stop listening to - Paul's was told to say that by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said it as well.

The Words that you here, the Word you don't here are vital to where you will spend eternity.

Matthew 12:36-37 AMPC

*36 But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle (inoperative, **nonworking**) word they speak.*

Words with no faith, faithless words, things that God said you can do but you won't say them or do them.

37 For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced.

Joshua 14:7 KJV

*7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; **and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.***

So How old was He when he scouted out the land? 40 years old

*10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me **alive**,*

as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me:

Pastor Grant what's your point? Your age has nothing to do with your amount of faith or the ability for you to speak something in the Word that is taking place or will take place.

What happened to the Israelites is they blamed God, they blamed Moses, they blamed everyone else, they didn't want to believe (acts of obedience) and do what they had to do to get the Promise - but it was on them it wasn't their circumstance - they didn't believe God.

Romans 13:8 KJV

8 He is the same yesterday today and forever.

Acts 10:34 KJV

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Numbers 23:19 KJV

19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Jeremiah 1:4-12 AMPC

4 Then the word of the Lord came to me [Jeremiah], saying,

5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born

I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. 6 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am only a youth.

7 But the Lord said to me, Say not, I am only a youth; for you shall go to all to whom I shall send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

8 Be not afraid of them [their faces], for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord. 9 Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

10 See, I have this day appointed you to the oversight of the nations and of the kingdoms to root out and pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. 11 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see a branch or shoot of an almond tree [the emblem of alertness and activity, blossoming in late winter].

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