

“Ministers of Righteousness”

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, whose end will be according to their works.”

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

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This is an exposure of the blasphemous false gospel propagated by the **119 Ministries** – *testeverything.net*

The words from the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 most certainly came to mind when I listened to a message from the modern “119 Ministries” entitled “*What Is The Gospel?*” This was the first of two messages on the subject of the gospel found at *testeverything.net*. After I listened carefully to the first, I didn’t need to hear any more in order to know that they are dangerously false teachers under the “*anathema* [to be accursed]” of God—Galatians 1:8, 9.

All the various messages the leaders of this organization have carefully put together, in a very enticing manner, demonstrate that their devilish aim is to get as many Christians as possible to be swept under the “bondage” of the Mosaic Law system. It is noteworthy that ten times in the book of Galatians the inspired apostle specifies the “*bondage*” of the Law system—Galatians 2:4 (with Acts 15:5); 4:3, 9, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and 5:1. (The context in all of these verses, studied carefully, clearly identifies the Law system from Sinai as the bondage. “As many as are of the works of the Law are under the curse”—Gal. 3:10.)

Therefore these teachers immediately attempt to destroy any confidence one would have in careful dispensational teaching found in the Word of God. By slandering the scriptural dispensational instructions about the proper handling of Scripture (see 2 Cor. 4:1-2), they can then proceed to mix together the various commands, ordinances and instructions for differing peoples at differing times into one big confused pot of stew, which they, in turn, dish out in their indiscretion. Like gatherers who do not know the *difference* between good “gourds” and bad, they place “*death in the pot*” (see 2 Kings 4:39, 40). Paul speaks of those “desiring to be teachers of the Law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm” (1 Timothy 1:5-11).

Let us now “TEST” what this false teacher says about the gospel of salvation.

The very first approach this teacher uses concerning the gospel demonstrates his Satanic inspired craftiness. Like the crafty snake in the Garden of Eden, this teacher slightly twists his question. He asks:

“What is the gospel? There are many responses you will get if you randomly ask this question. The popular Christian definition of the gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.”

He is careful not to tell you that this is actually and precisely the definition of the gospel given by the divinely inspire apostle Paul, as recorded for us in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 “*Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which you also stand, by which also you are saved . . . that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. . .*” The twisting serpent wants you to think that this is only the “popular Christian definition” instead of the divinely inspired definition of the gospel.

Then, this slithering serpent weaves through the field of his message and answers what he has labeled “the popular Christian definition of the gospel” by constantly planting seeds of doubt and making affirmations which makes one want to learn what is the rest of the gospel!

“Did the gospel begin at the cross? Is that all there is to the gospel?”

“Obviously there is more to the gospel than just the cross.”

“The gospel is much more than the story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

“The death, burial and resurrection of Christ is just the summary form of the gospel in the Scriptures.”

“Paul’s gospel is much more than the story of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.”

And so, all would ask, “what is the rest of the gospel”? Why, of course, he answers:

“Clearly the LAW OF GOD that was received at Sinai is part of the gospel.”

“So the gospel must be the message of Scripture which tells us to OBEY THE COMMANDMENTS.”

“Eternal life is obtained by FAITHFULNESS to HIS COVENANT and expresses itself in OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMANDMENTS.”

“The gospel is a message OF OBEDIENCE.”

“Forgiveness of sins is obtained when we repent and begin LIVING IN OBEDIENCE to the COMMANDMENTS of the Scriptures—all of them that He gave us on that day [at Sinai].”

It would be wrong to say these that statements are uninspired, because they are very much inspired by the father of lies (John 8:44)! No one will ever find statements like this after the death, burial and resurrection of Christ—in the book of Acts and in all of the epistles of Paul and the other apostles and writers. These statements amount to “another gospel,” which is anything but “good news.” Please note that at the very beginning of this teacher’s message he gave the truth about the Law. The Law is what condemns mankind—not what saves him. Note the following statements:

“Breaking any commandment in the Bible is defined as sin. If we have transgressed God’s Law, then we have sinned. We have all sinned or broken God’s Law and all of us are GUILTY. NONE of us have kept God’s Law PERFECTLY, and ALL STAND GUILTY BEFORE HIM. Because our Creator is a righteous Judge, and Holy, He must judge us according to the same standards that He has set for Himself. If our Creator did not hold us to the same standards of being holy or set apart, if He did not hold us to the same standard of righteousness, then He would not be considered a Righteous Judge. Because He is righteous perfection, He will only accept righteous perfection. And none of us are righteous in and of ourselves. This renders us all into the same state—condemned to eternal death, lost and hopeless—because we have all sinned by breaking God’s righteous Laws, and we all deserve death; we are all cursed.

However, through our Messiah, Who lived the Law of God perfectly, and He took our debt when He did not have to, in His perfection. Our Messiah can then point to His death as satisfaction for the death that we do deserve.”

Here we have two different paragraphs, and two different messages. The first paragraph about the Law of God spells out very clearly our condemnation—it is NOT GOOD NEWS! The second paragraph about the death of Christ for our sins is absolutely “good news.” So at the very beginning of this teacher’s message he told the truth about the Law. However, being inspired by the twisting serpent, he turned right around backwards in all the rest of his message and placed one back under the CONDEMNATION of the Law in order to get saved. Just imagine telling us that the Law which condemns is now to be coupled with the good news of Christ’s death on our behalf as a means of our salvation. By doing this, he effectively nullified the gospel of Christ. This deceiver goes on in his message to tell us what believing in Christ really means. Listen to his blasphemy:

“He afforded this salvation into eternal life to whomever believes on Him—whoever FOLLOWS Him, which is the SAME as believing and FOLLOWING the Word of God.”

“We are afforded this salvation by faith in our Messiah, which is the SAME as Faith in the Word of God—what He taught and what He practiced. . . The Word Of God is the truth which is to sanctify us which also INCLUDES the LAW of God as that truth.”

“It is often said that we need to accept Jesus Christ . . . as our Messiah, meaning to follow Him . . . Christ fully preached the Law of God. We are to do all He did, and walk as He walked—in the TORAH, the Law of God.”

Look next at what this twisting blasphemer says about “the gospel according to Paul” on the subject of “imputed righteousness” by faith:

“So the gospel that Paul preached was one that reveals and explains the principle of righteousness by faith. . . The popular Christian teaching about righteousness by faith is that God’s righteousness is **imputed** to those who believe in Yeshua. In other words, in their view, the righteousness which the believer has is a theoretical righteousness. You don’t actually have to be living in a righteous way to be seen by God as righteous. They say, when God looks at you He sees the righteousness of Christ because you are in Christ. John makes it very clear about who is considered righteous in the Almighty’s sight by making a simple to understand statement, 1 John 3:7 ‘My little children, be not deceived, the one who practices righteousness is righteous just as Yeshua is righteous.’ It doesn’t get any easier to understand than that.”

“There is **no imputing** of righteousness on those who are not practicing walking in obedience to the commandments. The righteous one is the one who is practicing righteousness.”

“The righteousness of God is obtained by living by faithfulness. . . which means walking in obedience to the commandments.”

“The righteousness of God as taught by Torah is one and the same as the righteousness by faith which Paul preached. . . Paul writes of righteousness by faithfulness.”

“Paul’s message of righteousness by faith is one and the same as the message given by Moses to the children of Israel . . . The righteousness of the Law revealed at Sinai is the righteousness by faith that Paul is speaking of . . . Righteousness is obtained by faithful obedience to the Creator. Faith by its very definition means fidelity—faithfulness to the God that we serve. This is the message that brings us life. . . The message of the Covenant at Sinai and the message given by Paul in the book of Romans are one and the same.”

“Salvation is by faithfulness—obedience to the commandments. And life is obtained by obedient fidelity to the Lord. But the opposite is also true—life is forfeited through disobedience to the commandments, which is unfaithfulness to the Lord. Death is the result of disobedience.”

“In the gospel the righteousness of God is obtained by faithfulness.”

“Those who are in Christ are righteous, not because Christ is righteous, but because those who are in Christ are following Christ by the Word of God, by obeying the commandments in the Word of God. Therefore, righteousness by faith is fulfilled when we practice doing the commandments as a proper faith-walk.”

This false teacher has made blatant lies! Anyone who has read Paul's letters knows Paul never said any of these things. In direct contradiction to all that this Satanic "minister of righteousness" has stated, let us look at what the apostle Paul does say, by Divine inspiration, about the "righteous of faith imputed" to the believer. The word "impute" is the older King James rendering of the Greek word *logizomai*, which literally means "to reckon, to account or to credit." In the NASB it is generally rendered as "to credit." First of all, take notice of the fact that Paul specifically states that this "righteousness" of God is "separate or apart from the Law":

Romans 3:21 and 22, "But now APART FROM THE LAW the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through FAITH in Jesus Christ for all who believe."

Romans 3:28, "For we maintain that a man is justified [declared right] by FAITH APART FROM THE WORKS OF THE LAW."

Galatians 2:21, "I do not set aside the Grace of God: for if righteousness comes through THE LAW, then Christ died IN VAIN."

Philippians 3:9, "And may be found in Him, not having my own righteousness derived from the LAW, but that which is through FAITH in Christ, the righteousness which came from God ON THE BASIS OF FAITH."

Romans 4:3, "For what does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and IT WAS CREDITED to him AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.'"

Romans 4:4 and 5, "Now to the one who WORKS, his wage is not CREDITED as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who DOES NOT WORK, but BELIEVES in Him Who justifies [declares right] the ungodly, his FAITH IS CREDITED as RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Romans 4:6, "Just as David also speaks of the blessings on the man whom God CREDITS RIGHTEOUSNESS APART from WORKS. . . ."

Romans 4:9, 10 and 11, "For we say, FAITH was CREDITED to Abraham as RIGHTEOUSNESS. How then was it CREDITED? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; and he received the sign of circumcision, a SEAL of the RIGHTEOUSNESS of FAITH which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that RIGHTEOUSNESS might be CREDITED to them [the uncircumcised not under the Law]."

Romans 4:13, "For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was NOT through the LAW, but through the RIGHTEOUSNESS of FAITH."

ROMANS 4:22-25, "Therefore it [his FAITH] was CREDITED to him as RIGHTEOUSNESS. Now not for his sake only was it written that it was CREDITED to him, but for our sake also, to whom it will be CREDITED, as those who believe in Him Who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He Who was delivered over

because of our transgressions, was raised for our JUSTIFICATION.

Romans 5:17 and 19, “Much more those who receive the abundance of Grace and the GIFT of RIGHTEOUSNESS will reign in life through One, Jesus Christ . . . Even so through the obedience of One the many will be made RIGHTEOUS.”

Romans 5:21, “So that as sin reigned to death, even so GRACE would reign through RIGHTEOUSNESS to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:30, “. . . Christ Jesus, Who was made to us wisdom from God, and RIGHTEOUSNESS and sanctification, and redemption.”

2 Corinthians 5:21, “He [God] made Him [Christ] Who knew no sin to BE SIN on our behalf, so that we might become the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God in Him.”

Romans 10:3, 4 and 10 “For not knowing about God’s RIGHTEOUSNESS and seeking to establish their own [through the Law], they have not subjected themselves to the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God. For Christ is the END of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes . . . for with the heart a person believes [has faith], resulting in RIGHTEOUSNESS”

As you can see, every single one of these verses exposes the lies of the 119 Ministries teacher. Not only is our FAITH in the substitutionary death, burial and resurrection of Christ, CREDITED (IMPUTED) to us for RIGHTEOUSNESS, but this is done totally APART from the Law of Moses.

I will just pause for a moment and explain that the Law system which God gave through Moses, as to its moral and just qualities, was “holy, just and good” (Rom. 7:12). However, it must be remembered that this Law had been specifically designed for Israel to operate under in their promised land as a separate nation. It would make Israel “a special treasure to God above all people . . . a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Exo. 19:5-6).

In the 137 chapters of the books of Exodus through Deuteronomy this whole Law system is carefully laid out. It is noteworthy that one can only glean the equivalent of about 7 chapters (at the very most) which are directly and indirectly concerned with moral principles such as described in the ten commandments (Exo. 20:1-17). All the rest of the 130 chapters are concerned with and summed up under physical, fleshly ritual observances. Aside from the judgments on Egypt and the travels of the nation through the desert, the subject matter can be listed as follows:

- (1) Many chapters have to do with the building of the Tabernacle and its related furniture.
- (2) Many more chapters have to do with the physical sacrificial system and its ordinances.
- (3) Many other chapters are concerned with the physical priesthood and the service of the Levites in assistance to the priests.
- (4) Many chapters are devoted to distinguishing between things clean and unclean in every aspect of life—physical hygiene, foods, animals, cleansing from diseases, etc.
- (5) There are various forms of physical purification described.
- (6) There are chapters on the observances of festivals and the physical Sabbath days.

- (7) There is a whole new Calendar given for the observance of these festivals and special holydays and new moons.
- (8) Of course, there are instructions about circumcision and dress codes.
- (9) Then there are the numerous various and sundry civil ordinances that are to be implemented once the new generation entered the Promised Land.
- (10) Of course, there are chapters devoted to the dividing of that land and the designation of cities of refuge.

Finally, there are chapters dealing with the constant revolts by many of the people of Israel and God's physical discipline of them—their carcasses literally littered the desert. In contrast to this, if one were to go through the epistles of Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles of the present Age, including Hebrews, he will find a total of 100 chapters. At a minimum, 50 of those chapters are devoted to practical, everyday godliness for the Church of Jesus Christ today. The other fifty chapters are concerned with vital doctrinal teaching. In contrast to the Law of Moses, there are:

- (1) No blueprints for physical buildings or furniture because—the Church is a “Spiritual Temple”—1 Pet. 2:5 and Eph. 2:19-22.
- (2) No physical sacrificial systems because—for this Age Christ, Himself, is the “better sacrifice—John 1:29; Heb. 9:23; 10:5-10.
- (3) No physical priesthood because—Christ is our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek—Heb. 7:1-28.
- (4) No clean and unclean meats explained because—in this Age “nothing is unclean in and of itself”—Rom. 14:14; 1 Tim. 4:1-5.
- (5) No ordinances of a fleshly purification system because—we are now pure through the Word of Christ—John 15:3 and 17:17.
- (6) No Feast days or Sabbath days revealed because—in the Church we have “soul rest” in Christ—Matt. 11:28, 29; Heb. 4:1-10.
- (7) No special calendar of holydays and new moons because—they served only as “shadows of things to come—Col. 2:16, 17; Gal. 4:10-11.
- (8) No fleshly circumcision because—“we are the circumcision which worship God in Spirit”—Philip. 3:1-3 and Col. 2:11.
- (9) No civil ordinances because—in this Age we are to obey the powers that be—Rom. 13:1-7
- (10) And no promised land here on earth, because—our “citizenship is in Heaven from which we look. . .”—Philip. 3:20.

For the present Age there is only contrast between the Law and the principle of Grace —“The Law came by Moses, Grace and truth by Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). “For you are not under Law but under Grace”—Romans 6:14, 15.

In concluding his perverted gospel, the “minister of righteousness” read through the whole “Blessing and Curse” aspect of the Law covenant—Deuteronomy 27 and 28—as if he was giving in finality his gospel. Of course, there is not one word about Spiritual Soul Salvation in those chapters—only the warnings about the physical consequence of disobedience to the Law, and physical blessings as to their obedience to the Law. Israel was eventually destroyed—so is the history of those living under the curse of the Law.

I have tried very diligently to quote from the 911 Ministry's teacher as accurately as possible. In addition, I have endeavored to not jerk anything he said out of context. There is much more that he gave which was erroneous and dangerous to the Christian's life and spiritual welfare. On another message he made lying misrepresentations of dispensational Bible teaching, which allows for untold confusion in not seeing the distinction between the Law and Grace economies. However, these quotes on the subject of the gospel he preaches should suffice to demonstrate that this teacher is one who fits the description given by the apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 4:1:

“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times [our present day] some will fall away from THE FAITH, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons”

I would, therefore, warn any Christian to avoid this blasphemous false doctrine of this 119 Ministries. I have also seen firsthand the sickening results of a Christian family, young in the faith, being swept away through the teaching ministry of these deceivers. In this case, the husband's mind was so captivated by the doctrines of these “ministers of righteousness” (2 Cor. 11:13-15), that he would not allow himself to give careful spiritual criticism to the doctrines he has come to embrace and place his family under. And this was done in spite of the fact that these ministers themselves advertise—“test everything.”

If you should have any further questions or even challenges about the matter please let me know. I would count it a privilege to share the Scriptures with you.

“Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this man [Christ Jesus] is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified [declared right] from all things from which you could not be justified by the Law of Moses” (Acts 13:38, 39).

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through the Faith in Christ Jesus, even we [Jews] have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by Faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh shall be justified” (Galatians 2:16).

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