

# Why Do Christians Hide the Gospel?

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost...” - 2 Corinthians 4:3

## 1. What is the gospel?

- a. The Bible makes it abundantly clear... humanity is hopelessly lost. (Rom 1:18+, Rom 3:10, Rom 5:12)
- b. The law of Moses (the ministration of death) is unable to produce righteousness and life. (2 Cor 3:7, Gal 3:21, Rom 3:19-20)
- c. The *only work* God will find *acceptable* for your soul's salvation is the one He did. (2 Cor 5:21, Rom 4:5)
- d. The work He did is offered by grace through faith *alone*. (Eph 1:6, Eph 2:8-9, Rom 3:24)
- e. This is an offence to the self righteous, who wish to boast in their works. (Rom 3:27, Gal 5:4, 11)
- f. If someone cannot claim the preaching of the cross for their soul's salvation, they are not saved. (2 Cor 4:3, Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 1:18)

## 2. Missing the mark

- a. Even those who mean well can be preaching a message that can send souls to a devil's hell. (Rom 10:2)
- b. Those who don't mean well have an agenda to do so. (2 Cor 11:14-15)
- c. False gospels often aim for self righteousness. “Do the law...” - If by law, Christ is dead in vain (Gal 2:21, Titus 3:5)
- d. False gospels are often vague. “Believe Jesus” - The devils also believe (James 2:19, Mark 5:7)
- e. “Love God”, “Accept Jesus in your heart”, “Make Jesus Lord of your life” - all “gospels” that center on you. Not the cross of Christ! (Gal 6:14)
- f. If any preach another gospel let him be accursed. (Gal 1:8-9)

## 3. Gospel Objection: That's too easy!

- a. Christ took on the sins of the world, died and rose again. Does God not have the power to save completely? (Rom 1:16)
- b. Is Christ's work meaningless or vain? (1 Cor 15:14, Gal 2:21)
- c. It's not about you, it's all about Him.
  - i. His work. (1 Cor 15:1-4)
  - ii. His righteousness (Rom 4:5)
  - iii. His salvation (2 Tim 1:9)
  - iv. His body (the church Col 2:10)
  - v. See also Eph 1 – “In Him”