

John's Gospel,
Paul's Gospel and
God's Good Plan for Today

1. How to handle the Gospel of John gives us a perfect example of what Paul is talking about in Rom. 12-16. For the mind renewed with PGMT and whose heart is overflowing with Love of God at the Cross of Chris for His enemies, Paul throws down the gauntlet.
 - a. Will you participate and advance God's Policy of the Good?
 - b. Or, will you participate and advance Satan's Policy of the Evil?
2. The Gospel of John contains God's instructions for salvation and edification in His Prophetic Program with the Nation of Israel.
--This means that IT DOES NOT CONTAIN GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR SALVATION and EDIFICATION IN HIS MYSTERY PROGRAM FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST: PAUL'S GOSPEL (Rom. 16:25).

3. Satan doesn't work the way the world says—red with a pitchfork engaged in all forms of gross immorality.
 - a. Satan and his cohorts deceive us by making things look “good,” look “from God,” look “biblical,” when they are really contrary to God, His Word, and what He is doing today (2 Cor.11:13-15).
 - b. Steering people to John rather than Paul is an example of this. It looks and sounds “good” and “godly” when it is in fact contrary to God's Good way for today and leads to all kinds of problems.
 - c. That is why they are so deceiving. That is why we need to be so careful we don't fall into Satan's traps!

4. Steering the lost to John for salvation is wrong because God's saving message for today, the Gospel of Grace based upon the Good News of the Death of Christ for His enemies because: **IT ISN'T THERE!**
You can only find it in Paul's Scriptures (Rom. 16:25)
- a. That is why God's saving word for today is called **Paul's Gospel** in contradistinction to all other Gospels, like the one John preached.
 - b. To steer the lost to John for salvation instead of Paul is to send them on a wild goose chase because **IT ISN'T THERE!**
 - c. To steer the lost to John for salvation instead of Paul is to steer them astray because it adds complexity and confusion to the clarity and simplicity of Paul's Gospel. And this is what Satan has done from the beginning (2 Cor. 11:3).

5. The only way to be saved from John's Gospel is to remove John's content and meaning and replace it with Paul's content and meaning.
 - a. This is called reading Paul into John.
 - b. It will get people saved but it adds levels of complexity and layers of confusion to the clarity and simplicity of Paul's Gospel that leads to salvation, which makes it more difficult for people to be saved.

6. To send someone to John's Gospel instead of Paul's Gospel for salvation and edification today opens the doors to many of the destructive errors that have come to characterize most of historic Christianity.

7. For instance, in John's Gospel, the greatest love is that Christ died for His friends, the just, the godly (Jn. 15:13)!
8. If you truly believe that this applies to you, you will be led by Satan into one of two destructive errors of historic Christianity:
 - a. If you tend toward the religious, you will think: Oh, I have to join a religious system, go through some rites and rituals, do some works and make myself a friend of God, and then God will save me. But this won't save anyone!
 - b. Or, if you tend toward reformed theology you will acknowledge that you are by nature a sinner enemy of God's, powerless to do anything acceptable to God. Therefore, God must pre-determine who is and isn't His friend, which leads us into the great error of Calvinism in all its various guises.
 - c. Or maybe you do something and no longer feel like a friend, you will conclude you have lost your salvation.

9. But if you just went to Paul's Gospel in the first place all these errors would immediately disappear because Paul explains that while in John's Gospel the greatest love is Christ dying for His friends (Rom. 5:7), it is not the GREATEST LOVE OF ALL.
 - a. Paul's Gospel reveals the GREATEST OF ALL LOVES IS THAT CHRIST DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES: UNGODLY SINNERS ON ENEMY STATUS BEFORE HIM (Rom. 5:5-10)! That's us!
 - b. Apostate religious systems: AWAY!
 - c. Calvinism and all its cousins: AWAY!
 - d. God saving ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him REMAINS!

10. Or if you think Jn. 3:16 saved you, you might think it is a good idea to continue reading in John 3 for further instructions, and the very next thing you will read is a long passage about John's water baptism, which Satan will use to lead you into the highly destructive error of water baptism being for today. It looks like God's "good" and "godly" but it is really Satan's evil because:

- a. If Satan can get you to focus on baptism into water by the hands of men, which is not even for today, you will ignore God's one baptism for today: The baptism by the Holy Spirit into Christ by the hand of God. Satan wins. Believer loses.
- b. Because of this error while believers can talk your ear off about their water baptism, which isn't even for today, they know nothing of their spiritual baptism, which is.

11. But if you just went to Paul's Gospel first, this error would be swept away because after Paul explains God's salvation message in Romans 3-5, he immediately brings us not in water baptism as John does but into spiritual baptism into Christ by God (Rom. 6:3-5).

a. Water Baptism—AWAY!

b. Spirit Baptism REMAINS!

12. If we read a little more in John's Gospel it becomes evident that John's followers are to remain under the Law, and if they leave the Law they are under God's curse! Not long after Jesus talked to Nicodemus, He talked to His disciples in the Sermon on the Mt. about just that (Mat. 5).

--This leads to another of historic Christianity's great errors of going back to the Law, if not for initial salvation than for the ongoing Christian walk.

13. But if you just went to Paul's Gospel first, this error would be immediately swept away because Paul's Gospel excludes the Law from initial salvation (Rom. 3:20-28) and the Christian walk. In fact, being under the Law instead of Pauline Grace means you cannot carry out the Christian walk (Rom. 6:14; Rom 7). But all this confusion is alleviated when we stick with Paul's Gospel.

a. Flesh Life under Law—AWAY!

b. Spiritual Life under Grace REMAINS!

14. If we read more of John's Gospel it becomes obvious that John's Gospel is for Israel. He came unto His Own (Israel—Jn. 1:11); Salvation is of the Jews (Jn. 4:22) and Jesus's followers were to only go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Mat. 10:5-6). The rest of the world would participate in blessing with and through Israel. This leads to the Satanic deception of historic Christianity that if John's Gospel is really for me, then I must in some sense be Israel. We've replaced Israel we're the new/true/spiritual Israel.

15. But if we just went to Paul's Gospel in the first place this error would disappear because Paul states categorically that we are not Israel but the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12). Today, Israel has fallen, God has (temporarily) set her aside and is now blessing the world in a way He never revealed before, not even in John: **APART FROM ISRAEL AND THROUGH HER FALL!**

16. If we read on in John, his followers ultimate destiny is Israel's earthly Kingdom. This brings us into another great error telling us to seek the earthly kingdom and we will go through the wrath.

17. But again, if we just went to Paul's Gospel in the first place this error would disappear because Paul states categorically that our destiny is in the heavenlies, and that we will be saved from the wrath through the rapture (1 Thess. 1:10; 4:14-18; Rom. 5:9).

18. In John's Gospel, Jesus's followers and Israel as a whole were given signs and wonders. If John is for today, then Satan will deceive you into thinking that signs and wonders are for today as well, leading to another great error and diversion away from God's Good.
19. But if we had just begun with Paul's Gospel in the first place, we would know that God set aside His Program with national Israel and with her the signs and wonders (Rom. 11; 1 Cor. 12-14)

20. Innumerable errors, massive confusion, impenetrable complexity arises when we send people to John's Gospel rather than Paul's Gospel to find out what God is doing today,

a. And a mind renewed with Pauline (ie., only from Paul) Grace Mystery (ie., and no one else because it was a secret since the world began) Truth, and whose heart is overflowing with Love, would simply NOT DO THIS EVIL TO OTHERS.

b. A mind NOT renewed with PGMT will be deceived into thinking that John says the same thing Paul says, but John says it a easier and more enjoyable way. He uses shorter words, has nice stories in the countryside, is more emotional and theatrical. Paul, however, is difficult to read—he uses long words and just talks about complex theological things that no one can understand. So, sending people to John instead of Paul makes good sense, it takes some of the pain out of reading the Bible and will make it easier for them to be saved.

But this is the great Satanic deception—it sounds sooo good but is really sooo wrong. It doesn't make it easier to get saved: **IT MAKES IT HARDER AND USHERS THEM AWAY FROM THE CLARITY AND SIMPLICITY OF PAUL'S GOSPEL INTO THE MORASS OF ALL KINDS OF CONFUSION, COMPLEXITY AND ERRORS.**

21. Paul over and over and over again warns against leaving his gospel and apostleship to another Gospel and other apostles (Peter, James and John and the 12 and their Gospel of the Kingdom/Circumcision Gospel (Gal.; 1 and 2 Cor.)
- a. To go to anywhere but Paul's Gospel for God's salvation and edification for today, you leave God and are warned about falling under a curse (Gal.1:6-8).
 - b. Paul's Gospel is the only way God has today for saving sinners and edifying believers. And Paul's Gospel is the only thing that can protect them from the snares of the devil; Satan's deceptions and traps, which most of historic Christianity has fallen into because they have left Paul and gone to John or Peter—to their destruction.

22. So, how should we respond to those who try to steer someone to John or Peter or James or even Jesus in His earthly ministry, telling them they can find God's Word for today there, instead of Paul? It should be the same as Paul's.

a. After Paul rebuked James, Peter and JOHN for trying to bring the Galatians under their Gospel (Gal. 2:10-11), which was only for the Jews of the Believing Remnant in Israel's Prophetic Program, he went on to WITHSTAND PETER TO THE FACE BECAUSE HE WAS TO BLAME!

b. And then he immediately went on and addressed those who fell into this trap: O FOOLISH GALATIANS, WHO HAS BEWITCHED YOU THAT YOU SHOULD NOT OBEY THE TRUTH: And the truth is Pauline Grace Mystery Truth NOT Johannine Law Prophetic Truth.

22. Paul explains that the only valid way to use John's Gospel is to FIRST be established in PGMT (so we don't get taken in Satan's deceptions) (Rom. 15), and then read John for our learning. What can we learn? Not how to be saved and edified today! When we read John we see God faithfully confirming and fulfilling His promises to Israel through the earthly ministry of Jesus (ie., the Gospel of John), we learn that He will be just as faithful fulfilling all His promises to us in the Body of Christ.

- a. We learn that we can count on the fact that He will be just as faithful to us in the Body of Christ's Mystery Program, and this will comfort, encourage and give us patience and hope Rom.15:4.
- b. Any other way of using John isn't under the sway of God's Policy of THE GOOD for today but Satan's Policy of THE EVIL.