

What's The Difference...?
(1) Religion vs. Relationship

The **Primary Theme** of the **Book of Galatians...**

JESUS PLUS NOTHING!

GALATIANS 1:1-7...

Paul, an apostle... sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead 2 and all the brothers and sisters with me, To the churches in Galatia: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I AM ASTONISHED... that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel... 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

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RELIGION vs. THE GOSPEL...

1A. RELIGION is SALVATION through MORAL EFFORT!

1B. THE GOSPEL is SALVATION by GRACE through JESUS CHRIST!

RELIGION = WORK YOUR WAY TO GOD!

THE GOSPEL = GOD HAS WORKED HIS WAY TO YOU!

IF YOU'RE NOT A CHRISTIAN... YOU START WITH THE GOSPEL!

IF YOU'RE NOT A CHRISTIAN... YOU START WITH THE GOSPEL!

IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN... YOU STAY WITH THE GOSPEL!

RELIGION vs. THE GOSPEL...

2A. RELIGION FOCUSES on what I DO or DON'T DO!

2B. THE GOSPEL FOCUSES on what JESUS HAS ALREADY DONE!

ROMANS 8:5...

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

RELIGION vs. THE GOSPEL...

3A. RELIGION PRODUCES... PRIDE and DESPAIR!

3B. THE GOSPEL PRODUCES... PEACE and CONFIDENCE!

RELIGION is not about **GOD**... it's about the **BLESSINGS OF GOD!**

THE GOSPEL is about... **GETTING GOD!**

RELIGION vs. THE GOSPEL...

4A. RELIGION is motivated by **FEAR!**

4B. THE GOSPEL is motivated by **LOVE!**
