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Paul's Gospel

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I. Criticisms of Paul & His Gospel

- A. He presented an incomplete (diluted) version of the true Gospel
 - Paul's rebuttal (Gal. 1:12b, 16a)
- B. He has an indirect (secondhand) Gospel
 - Paul's rebuttal (Gal. 1:16b, 17, 20)
- C. He is not one of the original Apostles
 - Paul's rebuttal (Gal. 1:17; 1 Cor. 9:1; 15:8)

II. Paul Went to Jerusalem (Gal. 1:18-19)

- A. Not as a student – not to be mentored or to get a brief history lesson
- B. "To get to know Peter" (Matt. 16:16-17; Acts 22:6-8)
- C. The result wasn't him being under Peter or Jerusalem's authority (Gal. 1:21-24)

III. Is Paul's Gospel Deficient?

- A. They added nothing to me (Gal. 2:6)
- B. Rather, they endorsed and recognized Paul's Gospel, and mission (Gal. 2:7-9)

IV. What Was the Essential Gospel for Paul?

- A. God revealed the risen and enthroned Christ to Paul (Acts 22:6-8; Gal. 1:12b, 16a)
- B. Is Paul's 'gospel' centered on Jesus' life & ministry?
 - 1. Jesus was a man (Rom. 5:15)
 - 2. Jesus was a Jew (Rom. 9:5)
 - 3. Jesus was born of a woman and under law (Gal. 4:14)
 - 4. Jesus was a descendant of Abraham and David (Gal. 3:16; Rom. 1:3)
 - 5. Jesus had brothers (1 Cor. 9:5) – one was called James (Gal. 1:19)
 - 6. Jesus ministered among Jews (Rom. 15:8)
 - 7. Jesus had 12 disciples (1 Cor. 15:5)
 - 8. Jesus was meek and gentle (2 Cor. 10:1)
 - 9. Jesus was obedient to God (2 Cor. 5:19)
 - 10. Jesus possessed endurance and grace (2 Thess. 3:5; 2 Cor. 8:9)
 - 11. Jesus was delivered up (1 Cor. 11:23)
 - 12. Jesus celebrated a last supper with his disciples (1 Cor. 11:23-25)
 - 13. Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
- C. The death and resurrection of Jesus were essential

V. Application

- A. How do we begin our Christian life?
 - 1. Christ is **revealed** in us as the crucified and resurrected Saviour (Gal. 1:16a)
 - 2. We **Believe** in Jesus' death and resurrection (Rom. 10:9)
 - 3. We are **Baptised** into Christ's death and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-5)
- B. How do we live our Christian life? (Gal. 2:20)
- C. Merely mimicking Jesus is not the Gospel