

False Gospel of Self-Effort

1. Self is the source

3:3 - Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

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2. Only External (Behavior)

6:12 - Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

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3. Hypocrisy and

4. Harshness

You're motivated by appearances
and what people think instead
of the truth of the gospel.

You're harsh toward others when
they sin, and often blind to the
sin of pride that rages inside
you

2:11-14 - When Cephas came to
Antioch, I opposed him to his
face, because he stood

condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. 13 The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. 14 When I saw that they were not acting in line with

the truth of the gospel, I said to
Cephas in front of them all,
“You are a Jew, yet you live like
a Gentile and not like a Jew.
How is it, then, that you force
Gentiles to follow Jewish
customs?

6:1-3 - Brothers and sisters, if
someone is caught in a sin,
you who live by the Spirit
should restore that person
gently. But watch yourselves,
or you also may be tempted.

2 Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill
the law of Christ. 3 If anyone
thinks they are something
when they are not, they
deceive themselves.

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5. Law is the standard

5:4 - You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

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6. You want to be praised by people

1:10 - Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

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7. You fear what people think about you

(so you selfishly use people to validate you... even when you think you're doing good things for them!)

2:12 - For before certain men came from James, (Peter) used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the

Gentiles because he was afraid
of those who belonged to the
circumcision group.

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8. You trust what you do or don't do to make you acceptable (or more acceptable!) to God

3:10-12 - For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." [1] 11 Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will

live by faith.”[m] 12 The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.”

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9. You see yourself separate from God, working hard to do good things for Him

2:21 - I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

5:4 - You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

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10. You believe God loves you
because of what you do

3:1-5 - You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. 2 I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? 3 Are you so foolish? After beginning by

means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?[h] 4 Have you experienced[i] so much in vain—if it really was in vain? 5 So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

True Gospel of Jesus' Grace

1. The Spirit is the Source

5:25 - Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit.

True Gospel of Jesus' Grace

2. Internal change (new heart, new nature) produces external change

6:15 - Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.

2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the

Son of God, who loved me and
gave himself for me.

True Gospel of Jesus' Grace

3. Honesty and

4. Humility

You're motivated by living in line
with the truth of the gospel.

You're honest about your own sin,
and gentle with others when
they sin

2:15-16 - We who are Jews by
birth and not sinful Gentiles
16 know that a person is not
justified by the works of the
law, but by faith in Jesus

Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in[f] Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

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2 Carry each other's burdens,
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True Gospel of Jesus' Grace

5. Love is the standard

5:6 - For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

5:13-14 - You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh[x]; rather, serve one

another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

True Gospel of Jesus' Grace

6. All your boasting is in Jesus alone

6:14 - May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which[aa] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

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7. You are set free by what God says about you

(so you are able to love others... even when they don't give you what you want or need!)

4:4-7 - But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.[s]
6 Because you are his sons,

God sent the Spirit of his Son
into our hearts, the Spirit who
calls out, “*Abba*,[t] Father.”

7 So you are no longer a slave,
but God’s child; and since you
are his child, God has made
you also an heir.

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8. You trust what Jesus has done for you and what Jesus gives to you as what makes you fully and perfectly acceptable to God

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16 know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by

faith in[f] Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

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9. You see yourself as one with Jesus, with Jesus living in you and producing His good work in you by faith in Him

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True Gospel of Jesus' Grace

10. You believe God loves you
because of who He is

4:3-7 - So also, when we were
underage, we were in slavery
under the elemental spiritual
forces[r] of the world. 4 But when
the set time had fully come, God
sent his Son, born of a woman,
born under the law, 5 to redeem
those under the law, that we might
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6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*,[t] Father.” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.