

**Love My City Day ---** Find your spot! Serve our community and share the love of Christ through work projects throughout the city, a school block party, assisted living Friendship parties, and acts of kindness Saturday, March 11 from 8:30 am to noon. There is a place for everyone in the family to serve! Sign up at the table in the Atrium.

**Frazer Students' Haiti Trip Deadline** --- Today the \$250 deposit and mission application for the Haiti Trip this summer are due. Bring these to Chase Faulk or drop them off in the Student Ministry Office.

**Save the Date!** --- Popular Irish folk and contemporary worship band Rend Collective will be in concert Saturday, April 29 at 7 pm in Frazer's Wesley Hall. Tickets are on sale at premierproductions.com or in the Frazer bookstore.

How to Raise Spiritual Champions --- Join us today at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall as we continue our teaching and discussion on parenting. This month's topic is Getting to the Heart of Behavior.

**Spring Forward!** --- Don't be caught running late for church next Sunday! Be sure to set your clocks an hour early Saturday night for Daylight Saving Time.

**Kenya Mission Trip** --- Please be in prayer for our Kenya Mission Team departing tomorrow through March 17 under the leadership of Rev. Brandon Dasinger and Charlotte Robertson. Pray for their safety, for God's blessing on their work with orphans, and for the encouragement and support they will offer to our Frazer-supported long-term missionaries in that African nation.

**SPIRIT** --- SPIRIT of Frazer invites you to our annual Salvation Army Appreciation Dinner Thursday, March 9, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. Dinner is \$5. Call Sue Letner for reservations, 279-4998.

**Blood Drive** --- Give the gift of life by donating blood next Sunday, March 12. Stations will be open from 8 am to 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017** 

# COUNTERFEIT JESUS

FINDING THE REAL TRUTH THAT WILL SET YOU FREE

### Counterfeit Christianity Week 1—The True Gospel Galatians 1 and 2

God's **love** for you is not based on your **actions** toward him.

God's **love** for you is based on **Christ's** actions for you.

### Marks of the False Gospel...

- Legalism
  - o Working in our own power.
  - o Striving to earn God's favor.
- Lawlessness
  - o Using grace as an excuse for sin.
  - o Indifference to the Word of God.

"May grace and peace be yours from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. He died for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. That is why all glory belongs to God through all the ages of eternity. Amen. I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who in his love and mercy called you to share the eternal life he gives through Christ. You are already following a different way that pretends to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who twist and change the truth concerning Christ. Let God's curse fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other message than the one we told you about. Even if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed. I will say it again: If anyone preaches any other gospel than the one you welcomed, let God's curse fall upon that person. Obviously, I'm not trying to be a people pleaser! No, I am trying to please God. If I were still trying to please people, I would not be Christ's servant." Galatians 1:1-10 (NLT)

# Marks of the True Gospel...

- The Gospel is <u>free</u>.
  - o We misunderstand the gospel when we <u>add to</u> grace.
  - We marvel at the gospel when we **trust in** grace.

"Dear brothers and sisters, I solemnly assure you that the Good News of salvation which I preach is not based on mere human reasoning or logic. For my message came by a direct revelation from Jesus Christ himself. No one else taught me. You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion -- how I violently persecuted the Christians. I did my best to get rid of them. I was one of the most religious Jews of my own age, and I tried as hard as possible to follow all the old traditions of my religion. But then something happened! For it pleased God in his kindness to choose me and call me, even before I was born! What undeserved mercy!""

Galatians 1:11-15 (NLT)

- The Gospel is <u>freedom</u>.
  - o By **grace**, we are **freed** from sin.
  - o By **faith**, we can **walk** with God.

"I died to the Law through the Law, so that I could live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. And the life that I now live in my body, I live by faith, indeed, by the faithfulness of God's Son, who loved me and gave himself for me. I don't ignore the grace of God, because if we become righteous through the Law, then Christ died for no purpose." Galatians 2:19-21 (CEB)

## Go Deeper:

- Read the whole book of Galatians. Give a title to each chapter that sums up its content.
- Write down your favorite verses from the book and begin memorizing them throughout this sermon series.
- After reading Galatians, how would you define the words gospel, grace, and faith? How does God's grace change us?

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