

False Gospel Messages Preached in America Today

1. The Prosperity Gospel (Health & Wealth Gospel)

****Message:**** “God wants you to be rich, healthy, and successful.”

****Core Problem:**** It equates faith with material blessings and teaches that if you're not prosperous, you're not faithful enough.

****Biblical Counter:**** Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble” (John 16:33). Paul spoke of suffering as part of the Christian life (2 Timothy 3:12).

2. The Moralistic Therapeutic Gospel

****Message:**** “God just wants you to be a good person and feel good about yourself.”

****Core Problem:**** It reduces Christianity to good behavior and emotional well-being, without repentance, the cross, or the need for salvation.

****Biblical Counter:**** The gospel is not about making bad people good—it’s about making dead people alive (Ephesians 2:1-5).

3. The Gospel of Self-Empowerment

****Message:**** “You have everything you need inside of you. Just believe in yourself.”

****Core Problem:**** It replaces Jesus with self as the savior. It’s essentially humanism with Christian language.

****Biblical Counter:**** Jesus said, “Apart from Me, you can do nothing” (John 15:5). Salvation is not self-help—it’s divine rescue.

4. The Progressive Gospel

****Message:**** “Christianity must evolve with culture; truth is flexible.”

****Core Problem:**** It compromises biblical authority to fit social agendas, often denying sin, judgment, or the exclusivity of Christ.

****Biblical Counter:**** Jude urges believers to “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3). Truth is timeless, not trendy.

5. The Legalistic Gospel

****Message:**** “Do these things and follow these rules, and you’ll be saved.”

****Core Problem:**** It adds human works or traditions to the gospel of grace.

****Biblical Counter:**** We are saved “by grace through faith... not by works” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Legalism undermines the sufficiency of Christ.

6. The Universalist Gospel

****Message:**** “Everyone will be saved eventually. A loving God wouldn’t send anyone to hell.”

****Core Problem:**** It denies the reality of judgment and the necessity of faith in Christ.

****Biblical Counter:**** Jesus spoke clearly about eternal separation (Matthew 25:46), and said “No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

7. The Political Gospel

****Message:**** “Jesus is on the side of our political party or nation.”

****Core Problem:**** It conflates the Kingdom of God with earthly power structures.

****Biblical Counter:**** Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). Allegiance to Christ must come before any flag or party.

8. The Cheap Grace Gospel

****Message:**** “God forgives everything, so live however you want.”

****Core Problem:**** It uses grace as a license to sin and avoids the call to holiness.

****Biblical Counter:**** Paul asks, “Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means!” (Romans 6:1-2).