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 VITAL

The cross of Jesus is vital to us and to God. Here’s why. . .

GALATIANS 1: 6-9

1. **No Other Gospel (v. 6-7)**
* “unto another gospel, which is not another”

The true gospel of Jesus Christ is the ONLY good news for mankind – all other

religions FAIL

 2 Cor. 11:3-4 **3**But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. **4**For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it! NKJV

 Islam - BAD NEWS

 Hinduism - BAD NEWS

 Buddhism - BAD NEWS

 Confucianism - BAD NEWS

 Humanism - BAD NEWS

 Judaism - INCOMPLETE NEWS

 Liberal Christianity - PERVERTED NEWS

* “you are so soon removed from Him that called you”

Why CHRISIANITY is different from every other world religion

Galatians 6:14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Gal+6%3A14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29203a)]whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. NKJV

Galatians 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Gal+3%3A1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29104b)]among you as crucified? NKJV

1 Cor. 2: 1-2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Cor+2%3A1-2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28396a)]testimony of God. **2**For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. NKJV

 ---the reason we have no other gospel is because there is. . .

1. **No Other Way (v.8)**
* “preach any other gospel than that which we preached, let him be accursed”

 Galatians 2:20-21 **20**I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **21**I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Gal.+2%3A20-21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29103a)]in vain.” NKJV

 At the cross, sin and grace collide, mercy and truth meet together, justice and love entwine

Hosea 11:8-9 “How can I give you up, Ephraim?
*How* can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
*How* can I set you like Zeboiim?
My heart [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hosea+11%3A8-9&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-22249a)]churns within Me;
My sympathy is stirred.
**9**I will not execute the fierceness of My anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim.
For I *am* God, and not man,
The Holy One in your midst;
And I will not [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hosea+11%3A8-9&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-22250b)]come with terror. NKJV

Galatians 2:16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. NKJV

Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? NKJV

Romans 3:10 As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; NKJV

Romans 3: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, NKJV

1. **No Other Name (v.11-12)**

Only ONE could pay the ransom for our sin

 Only ONE is INNOCENT

John 8: 29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.” NKJV

John 8:46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? NKJV

 Only ONE is INFINITE

Colossians 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, NKJV

Colossians 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; NKJV

 Only ONE is WORTHY!!