

## ***Galatians 1:8***

*8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach **any other gospel** to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.*

*I, like most everyone who had attended that Sunday evening service were interested in following Christ. We were Christians devoted to our faith. We were members of a small Pentecostal church. We believed in being born again, obedience to Christ's command to be baptized in water and many of us had the experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. We also believed in prayer and were all gathered around the altar to pray. I was on my knees, others were standing with hands raised in the air, praying and worshiping God. It had been a good service, the preaching was stirring and now we were at the altar praying. However, I had this feeling that something was wrong, somehow something was out of place. I decided to get up and leave. I made my way to the back of the church, left the building through*

*the main entrance and headed for the parking lot. It was a beautiful clear warm summer evening. The sky was beginning to grow dark. Glowing stars began to dot the dusk sky. I got into my car and headed for home. I was out on the highway now, continuing to pray as I made my way down the road. I started to say, "Something is wrong God, what is it? I didn't expect to get an answer. As usual, I was just carrying on a kind of one sided conversation with God. However, I had no sooner ask the question, or made the statement, than an answer came. I heard these words, loud and clear, "**The gospel of self**". Little did I know, at the time, that these four little words would have a profound impact on the direction of my life. I heard nothing else, that was all He said, but it was enough. I began to ponder what those words meant. We must be preaching another gospel, I thought. God was calling it the gospel of self. I began to see that if we were preaching a self centered false gospel, we, our little church, was not alone!*

