

Why Not a PC Gospel? **By Carl McMurray**

You may have read the title and responded, “I already have the Bible on my PC (computer), and if so, then I wasn’t clear enough. The PC gospel I have reference to is the Politically Correct Gospel. And my question is, “why couldn’t God, in all His wisdom, have given us a gospel that was Politically Correct”? You know—a gospel that doesn’t hurt feelings or offend people. A gospel that is “ok” with everyone. A gospel that is not too demanding, doesn’t make people mad, or ostracize anyone. You may be thinking with all the different kinds of folks in the world that would be impossible. But I believe God could have done it if he wished. My God is known for doing “impossible” things. So why didn’t He?

The answer is seen by looking at people, not at God. Consider, if you will, the kinds of people that accept and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ in its simplicity and its purity. There seems to be three groups.

The first group is the truth seekers. They want what is right and true and open and honest. They aren’t interested in whether it hurts their own feelings or anybody else’s—they just want the truth. They relate to Jesus’ words when He said that the truth would make men free. And they see the word of God, all His words, in that context, that is, truth and light and freedom from every kind of shame and darkness. The faith of these people is strong and their desire to share this strength and freedom with others is impressive. To these people, truth is more important than absolutely anything. They bow to the Father because they want what He offers.

The second group is those that recognize God as the Creator, and the source of all authority. Where the first group would look inward and simply discard any opinions, speculations, and ideas that didn’t reconcile with truth, this group tends to simply suppress these things. They have feelings and thoughts and impulses just like everyone else; but when they come in contact with the gospel they determine to suppress,

control, and overcome these things because they perceive that this is what God wants. Their desire is to do His will and they trust His word that His will certainly will be better for them in the end. They bow to the Father because that is the right thing to do.

The third group is broken people. These are people who have tried to beat sin, or live with sin, or rise above sin, and they have failed. Their feelings overwhelm them and their outlook is discouraged and hopeless. They are ashamed to look inward and too defeated to fight anymore. They have given up, or are in the process of giving up and now are just blown along thru life. They continue to err, and hate it, but can see no real reason to resist since there is no hope of victory in sight for them. When these people find the gospel, it is a life line, a rescuing hand, and their usual response is tears.

They have followed men and they have tried it their own way. They bow to the Father because they have absolutely no place else to go.

Note that in all three groups of gospel responders, as different as they are and how they approach life, their response to the gospel is predicated upon one thing... their *own* heart. God does not change His word or the gospel to appeal to different people because He is using it to search for special people. The Father is searching for those who value truth above their own selves. He is searching for those who will defeat self in order to be with Him. And He is searching for those who know they need Him because no one else and nothing in this world can do for them what a loving Heavenly Father can do.

There are actually plenty of politically correct gospels being taught in non-offensive churches of men where one can be catered to and petted. But when one's heart is in the condition that the Father is searching for, none of these churches and none of these gospels will do the trick. Only the true love of God, shared from a hopeful heart, and given regardless of political correctness, will bring light to a darkened life. The gospel is not a doormat of welcome; it is a beacon of guidance and only those looking for it will see and appreciate its value.