

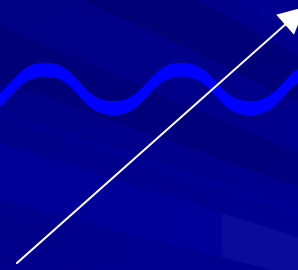
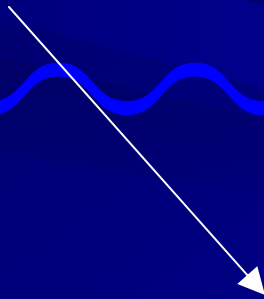
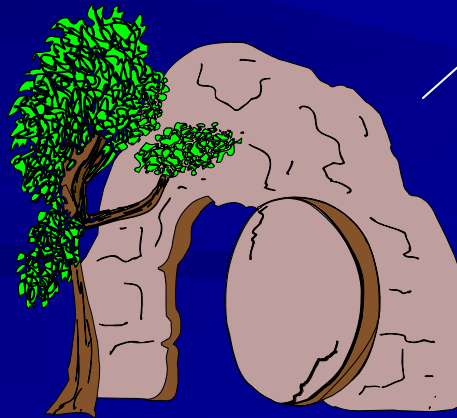
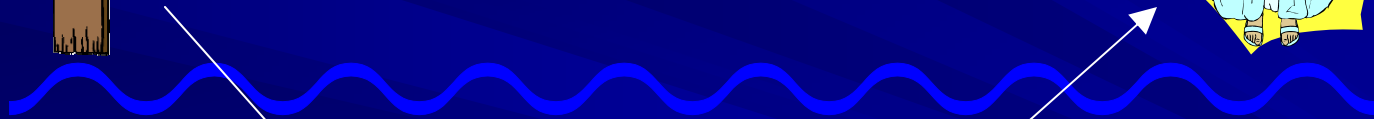
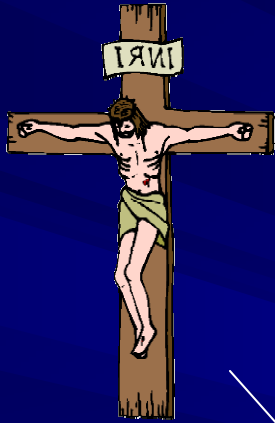
# When the Gospel Can't Save

# *When the wrong message is delivered*

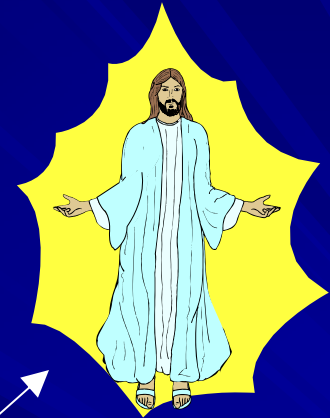
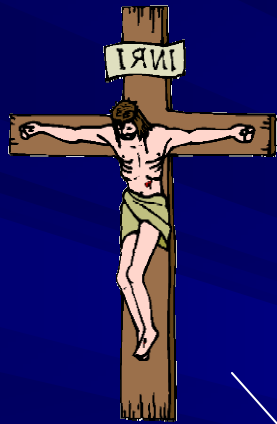
- *The wrong message gives a false sense of security*
- *When it is...*
  - *Catholic, Protestant, Calvinistic, Mormonistic*
  - *Man's message*
  - *A blend of God's and man's message*

*...it does not save*
- *Galatians 1:6 any other message than that delivered is a twisted, accursed version*
- *There is NO 'Companion to the Bible'*

# The Gospel of Jesus Christ



# The Gospel of Your Life



# *When the message is not delivered*

- *Jonah 4:1-4, 9-11*
  - *Superior attitude*
  - *Forget God's feelings for the lost*
  - *'Nineveh not worthy of God's Mercy'*
  - *Loss of sympathy for "sinners"*
- *Mat 9:10-11 "Why does Jesus eat with tax collectors & sinners"*
- *We need to tell the world they are lost and that God will show mercy on them through the Gospel*
- *Romans 10:15 (Is. 52:7)*

# *When hypocrisy blocks the message*

■ *Ezekiel 16:25-27*

■ *Isaiah 52:3-7*

- *Captivity for sin*
- *Blasphemy of God by Gentiles*
- *God will redeem His name*

■ *Romans 2:17-25,29*

■ *Children do as parents do, not as they say*

■ *Matthew 5:16 see your good works and glory God*

■ *1 Peter 2:15 muzzle the world's blasphemy*

■ *Paul told Ephesian elders “ you know the manner I always lived among you, from the 1st day I came to Asia”*

# *When hearts refuse to see it*

- *Acts 7:51-58 Stephen*
- *Many refused Paul, resisted him, did him much harm, questioned his authority, locked him up*
  - *Acts 13:45-46 – Antioch*
  - *Acts 17:4-5 – Thessalonica*
- *Describes much of our culture today – content in worldliness*
- *Content with psychologists, and experts, academic superiors*
- *Those wiser than God in their opinion*
  - *I Corinthians 1:18-20,25, 2:6*
- *When we realize Doctors can't really cure what's wrong with us, Lawyers can't really defend us where it is needed, Universities can't really teach us what we need to know, Sports heroes can't really give us victory, Money can't buy peace and comfort for our souls, Approval of peers cannot redeem us, Then there will be place in our hearts for God*
- *When men stop looking elsewhere for what only God supplies*

# *When something else is more important*

- *Some are willing to accept the Gospel, but it is not the most important thing in their life.*
- *Parable of the Sower Mark 4:19*
  - *Cares of the world*
  - *Deceitfulness of riches*
  - *Desires for other things*
- *Acts 5:1-3*
  - *Satan filled your heart to lie*
  - *Original intent?*
  - *Proverbs 1:19 “so are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; it takes away the life of its owners”*
  - *V5:11-13 rest not join*
  - *V5:14 not stop gospel, just hinder*



# *When something else is more important*

## *■ John 9:22-23*

- Acceptance in the community*
- Natural desire, but must not precede love truth & God*

## *■ Acts 8:19*

- Can't have both; God & World*

## *■ Acts 26:28 Agrippa almost persuaded*

- Thinking there will be time later*
- Knowing what to do, a matter of priority*
- "Someday I will get to know God"*
- That will not happen, getting to know is a priority not a 'get around to', it is deliberate*
- I Peter 4:17*

## *■ II Peter 1:8-11*

- Forgotten*
- Election sure?*

# *When the Gospel can save*

- *When the message is delivered*
- *When the True message is delivered*
- *When it is given by example of life*
- *When hearts are right for hearing*
- *When nothing else holds the importance of the Gospel*

Is the Gospel Saving you?

