

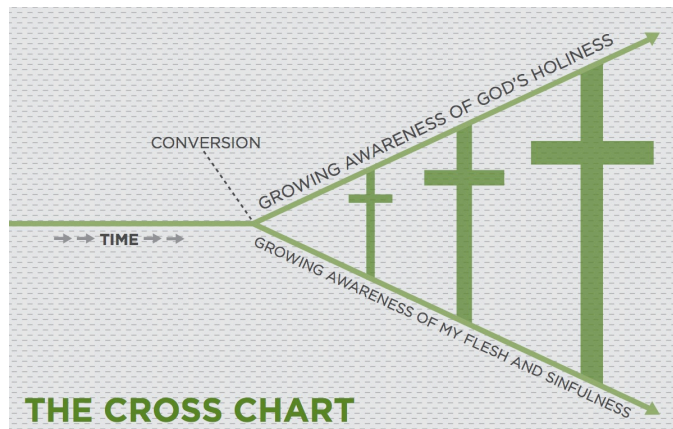
Bold, Part 19: “True Apostles vs. False Apostles”
2 Corinthians 11:1-15
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*Discern the true Gospel of Christ
 and live it out- together as a church!*

I. Paul distinguished the true Gospel of Christ (vv. 1-6).

2 Corinthians 11:1-6 (ESV): 1 I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! 2 For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. 3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. 5 Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles. 6 Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

1. **Truth #1:** Our goal as a church is to stay on the path of sincere and pure devotion to Christ until he returns.



II. Paul demonstrated the true Gospel of Christ (vv. 7-11).

2 Corinthians 11:7-11 (ESV): 7 Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's gospel to you free of charge? 8 I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. 9 And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way. 10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. 11 And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

2. **Truth #2:** Our responsibility as a church is to faithfully embody Christ's values, no matter what the results may be.

III. Paul defended the true Gospel of Christ (vv. 12-15).

2 Corinthians 11:12-15 (ESV): 12 And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

3. **Truth #3:** Our best defense as a church is to learn the Bible and disciple each other to discern truth and falsehood.

→ **Life Application:**

- * What false gospels tempt you off the path of sincere and pure devotion to Christ? What areas of your life do you need Christ to change so that you embody his values?
- * Share your thoughts, speak gospel truth and encouragement to each other, and pray for one another today and this week.