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Religion vs the Gospel

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What is the Gospel? The word gospel simply means "good news." The good news has nothing to do with religion and everything to do with the person and work of Jesus Christ. Some people try and mix the two together but that's completely uncalled for. Contrary to public opinion, Jesus did not come to establish a new religion but to introduce a new covenant, a grace based relationship between God and mankind. Check out the following contrasts between living the way of religion & living the Way of the Gospel.

Religion is all about well intended self effort.
The Gospel is all about Jesus and His perfect work.

Religion is about doing church.
The Gospel is about being the church.

Religion is about diligently following the rules.
The Gospel is about grace.

Religion is about what I have to do.
The Gospel is about what I get to do.

Religion says that if I obey God, then He will love me.
The Gospel says that God so loved the world that He gave.

The goal of religion is to try and get from God.
The goal of the Gospel is to freely receive from God.

Religion leads to an uncertainty about standing before God .
The Gospel leads to a confidence about standing before God.

Religion leads to either pride or despair.
The Gospel leads to humble, confident joy.

Religion is why far too many people misunderstand, are disconnected from Jesus.
The Gospel is the only thing that can change that.