

# This Way Up

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## False Teaching 2 Corinthians 11:1-6

### I. A DESIRE (Verses 1 & 2)

Paul had a fervent desire to see these believers continue in their purity and devotion to Christ until His return.

### II. A DANGER (Verses 3 & 4)

Paul fears that their minds will be corrupted as was Eve in the Garden of Eden (*Gen.3:1-7; 1 Tim.2:14; Rom.5:12; 1 Jn.2:16*).

1. **Another Jesus:** Some place their focus on following Christ's example over His atoning work on the cross; and His love over His other attributes.
2. **Another Spirit:** The spirit of this world has greatly infected the true church of Christ (*1 Cor.2:12; 13:8; 14:21*)
3. **Another Gospel:** Ignorance and error abound in regard to the Gospel leading many to be confused and unable to find life in Christ (*Gal.1:6-9*).

**The Truth:** Salvation and sanctification are both entirely works of God and not men, and are based on the facts of Christ's death and shed blood on the Cross. Man enters into the benefits of this work by simple faith alone.

### III. A DEFENSE (Verses 5 & 6)

Paul defends his apostleship against his detractors in order that the Corinthian believers would be confident that what he had taught them was true.

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## **Application**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is based on the historical facts of Christ's sacrificial, substitutionary death on the Cross for lost sinners and that His work has been fully accepted by God the Father, who raised Him from the dead.

Man enters into the benefits of this by knowing these facts: that he is a sinner, separated from the life of God by his sins, and that he can do nothing to save himself. Furthermore, he will know that Christ died for him to pay the complete price for the forgiveness of his sins and that Christ rose from the dead empowering him to have deliverance over his old life.

Have you been born again by placing your faith exclusively in Christ's finished work on the cross? This is a life and death matter which will determine your eternal destiny.

If you are trusting solely in Christ's work on the cross for a) the forgiveness of your sins and b) for your deliverance from the power of your old sin nature, here are some things to consider.

1. Are you clear on what the Gospel is and is not?
2. Are you prepared to confront those that come teaching a false Christ or a false Gospel?
3. Describe the basis for you personally knowing for sure that you have eternal life?
4. Consider how you, in reality, keep yourself pure/holy and with a heart that is single towards the Lord?