

Do Not Compromise, Add To, Diminish, Blend or Confuse the Gospel

What about Ecumenism?

We are aware that the official posture of the post-Vatican II papacy is one of reconciliation. Protestants are to be considered “separated brethren” who must be patiently brought back to the fullest expression of Christ’s revelation in Romanism. Protestants are given credit for having some truth, albeit not full, as it is in Rome. Thus, due to this spirit of reconciliation, there are many voices in both the Catholic community and the Christian community who are clamoring for unity and peace. Many have gone so far as to determine that doctrine is absolutely irrelevant and the only thing that matters is “love” and “unity.” While this may be the sentiment of popular and naïve modernists, it is not the sentiment of either Rome or the Christian community. Vatican II did not rescind the doctrines of the Catholic religion as they pertain to the gospel of Christ and salvation. On the contrary, the great Council upheld and reaffirmed their central doctrines. We must ask if opposite and radically different concepts of the gospel can somehow co-exist under the same umbrella.

We are equally aware and even less encouraged by well-meaning professing Christians who seem to be insisting on a third gospel. This third gospel wishes to take two absolutely contradictory views of the gospel and mesh them together as one. This is done in the name of “love” and “unity.” We confess that those who insist on this romancing of strange doctrines will in some measure incur the same judgment which Paul reserved for the like-minded of his own day. The apostle Paul would have nothing to do with any attempt to compromise, add to, diminish, blend or confuse the gospel of the grace of Christ with any other philosophy or religion. All such attempts to redefine the gospel through syncretism met with his stern warning:

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:8)

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