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**The modern Gospel that is being preached in many places is giving many a distorted view of the real Jesus.**

JESUS

DISTORTED



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**The Bible tells us to contend for the Faith**

**Jud 1:3** Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. *[But] I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] to contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered verbally to the holy people of God].*



**JUDE:**  
**Contend**  
*for the*  
**Faith**

*It matters what you believe!*

**Jud 1:4** For certain men have crept in stealthily *[gaining entrance secretly by a side door]*. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality, and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).



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The First Distorted view of Jesus we talked about is The Motivational Jesus

**TURN THAT FROWN**

**Get  
Motivated!**

**UPSIDE-DOWN**



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## 4 Major Differences Between Motivational Speaking and Biblical Preaching (excerpts from Dan Detzell Article)

- 1. Motivational Speaking - leaves people "encouraged" in their emotions and in their "self-esteem." Biblical Preaching builds up Christians in the Gospel as the Holy Spirit applies the Scriptures to the hearts and minds of the hearers.**
- 2. Motivational speakers tell a lot of stories and seek to sway through emotion and pop psychology. Biblical preachers tell some stories, but above all seek to have people influenced by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God.**
- 3. Motivational speakers may or may not throw in a few Bible verses to "salt" their main topic. Biblical preachers rely totally upon the Scriptures to "drive" the content and to feed God's sheep.**
- 4. Motivational speakers seek to never speak anything that might offend anyone in attendance. Biblical preachers seek to preach the Truth of God's Word in love under the Holy Spirit's control.**
- 5. Motivational speaking tends to be man-centered and people-pleasing. Biblical preaching is Christ-centered and God-honoring.**

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Many today are preaching the Gospel but fewer are the number who are preaching the Gospel that Jesus Christ preached



\*\*\*\*\*Pastor \*\*\*\*\* Tries to be Like Jesus by Not Offending ...



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**This is sinful man's attempt to bring God down to our level instead of rising up to the God's level of Holiness.**



**Where are my  
12 Apostles  
of cool!**

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**The angels are not flying around the throne in heaven crying Hip, Hip, Hip is the Lord!**



**Holy**

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**Is the Lord  
of Hosts  
Heaven &  
Earth are  
filled with  
his Glory!**

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**God's people need to be reverent and walk in the fear of the Lord. Many have no fear of God! In our churches there is sin from the pulpit to the pew. Many in church have no reverence they are playing with their phones and talking when the word of God is being preached. How disrespectful is that to God.**

**Psa 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**



**the fear of  
the LORD**

**Pro 14:26 In the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children shall always have a place of refuge.**

**Pro 14:27 Reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death. [*John 4:10, 14.*]**



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**Some of us need a strong dose of truth in the fear of the Lord.  
God has one acceptable temperture Hot!**

**Rev 3:15** *I know your [record of] works and what you are doing; you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot!*

**Rev 3:16** *So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth!*

**Rev 3:17** *For you say, I am rich; I have prospered and grown wealthy, and I am in need of nothing; and you do not realize and understand that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. [Hos. 12:8.]*

## MAKING GOD GAG

LAODICEA: THE LUKEWARM CHURCH

REVELATION 3:14-22

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**Rev 3:18** *Therefore I counsel you to purchase from Me gold refined and tested by fire, that you may be [truly] wealthy, and white clothes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nudity from being seen, and salve to put on your eyes, that you may see.*

**Rev 3:19** *Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude]. [Prov. 3*

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Many believers don't even realize how far they have drifted from God and the danger that they are in!

## God's Beach

Come back in! your too far away!

Dude look how far we drifted!

Don't worry what could happen?



Devil



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**Heb 2:3 (AMP) How shall we escape [appropriate retribution] if we neglect and refuse to pay attention to such a great salvation [as is now offered to us, letting it drift past us forever]? For it was declared at first by the Lord [Himself], and it was confirmed to us and proved to be real and genuine by those who personally heard [Him speak].**

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**1Pe 5:8 (AMP) Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [*in fierce hunger*], seeking someone to seize upon and devour. confirmed to us and proved to be real and genuine by those who personally heard [*Him speak*].**

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Devil

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**Just staying out of sin is not enough either. God wants believers who have drifted to return to their first Love.**

**Rev 2:2** I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

**Rev 2:3** And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted.

**Rev 2:4** Nevertheless I have *somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.*

**Rev 2:5** Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.



**FIRST  
LOVE**  
*coming back to Jesus*



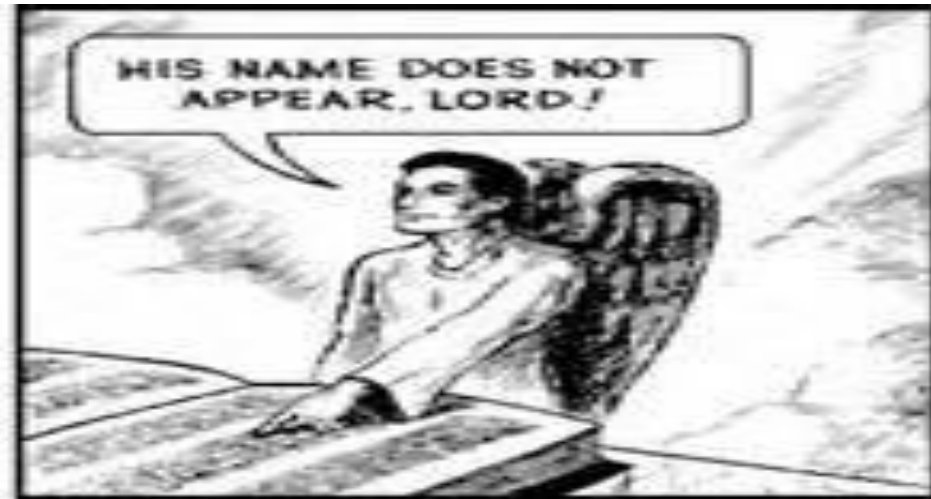
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**Overcoming the world , the flesh and the devil is not optionable for the Believer**

**Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.**

**Rev 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.**

**Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.**



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**Contrary to popular motivational & hipster preaching the road to heaven is a narrow road.**

**Mat 7:13 Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and spacious and broad is the way that leads away to destruction, and many are those who are entering through it.**

**Mat 7:14 But the gate is narrow (contracted by pressure) and the way is straitened and compressed that leads away to life, and few are those who find it. [*Deut. 30:19; Jer. 21:8.*]**

**Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you dressed as sheep, but inside they are devouring wolves. [*Ezek. 22:27.*]**

