

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Some time ago I asked a friend of mine who's a major league baseball player to autograph and donate a bat to be auctioned at a charitable event. He graciously did. When my wife and I saw how much that bat went for, our mouths dropped. People were willing to pay a big price because he's a well-known player, and the bat was an original.

Sometimes what is passed off as true and genuine is really nothing more than an imitation. It's a knock-off. For example, there are various versions of the gospel that have more to do with human tampering and origin than they do with God. There are people who say you've got to promise to do this and that, and if you don't do these things then you're not genuinely converted. No, the gospel is pure. We don't need to add anything to it. If what we declare is not backed up by the Scriptures, it's not the real thing.

In Galatians chapter 1, verses 11 and 12, the Apostle Paul makes a strong case about the purity and clarity of the gospel. He says, ¹¹“For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹²For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.”

The gospel has to do with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ—His payment for our sins on the cross—and it demands our response, which is to turn from our sin and to embrace God's solution, Jesus Christ. No human works or insights, but the purity of Christ and Christ alone and what He did for us.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Our message, the Gospel, comes from God Himself. Let's stick with the original.