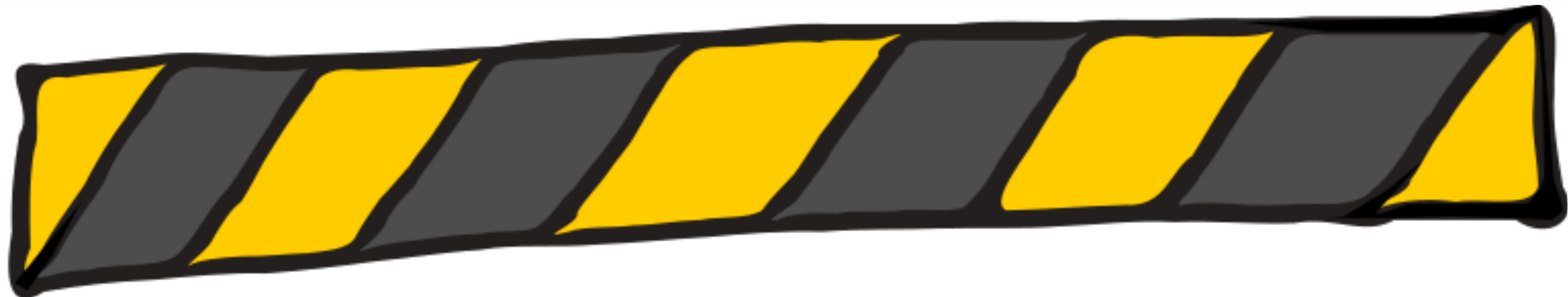


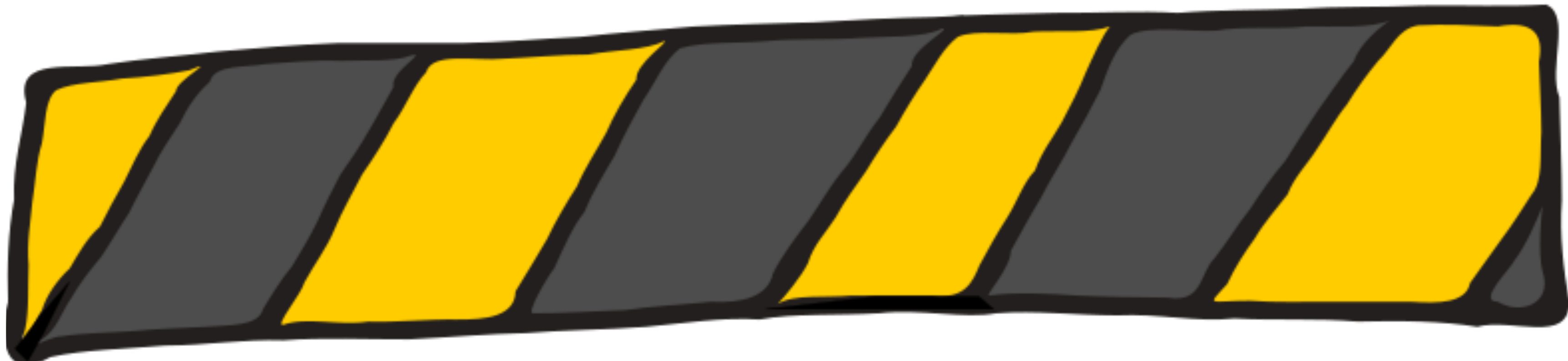
Guarding the Gospel of Grace

Preserving Liberty in Christ





DANGER



The Danger

- Flu virus?
- Crime?
- Political Evils?

The Danger

- Education: North Idaho College or Bible College
- Television: Oprah or Christian TV
- Books: Amazon or Christian bookstore
- Radio: Dr. Phil or KMBI
- Conversations: Atheist or Believer

**The Book of Galatians
is the Christian's**

“Declaration of Independence”

“The Charter of Christian Liberty”

The Book of Galatians

1-2 The Gospel of Grace **Defended**

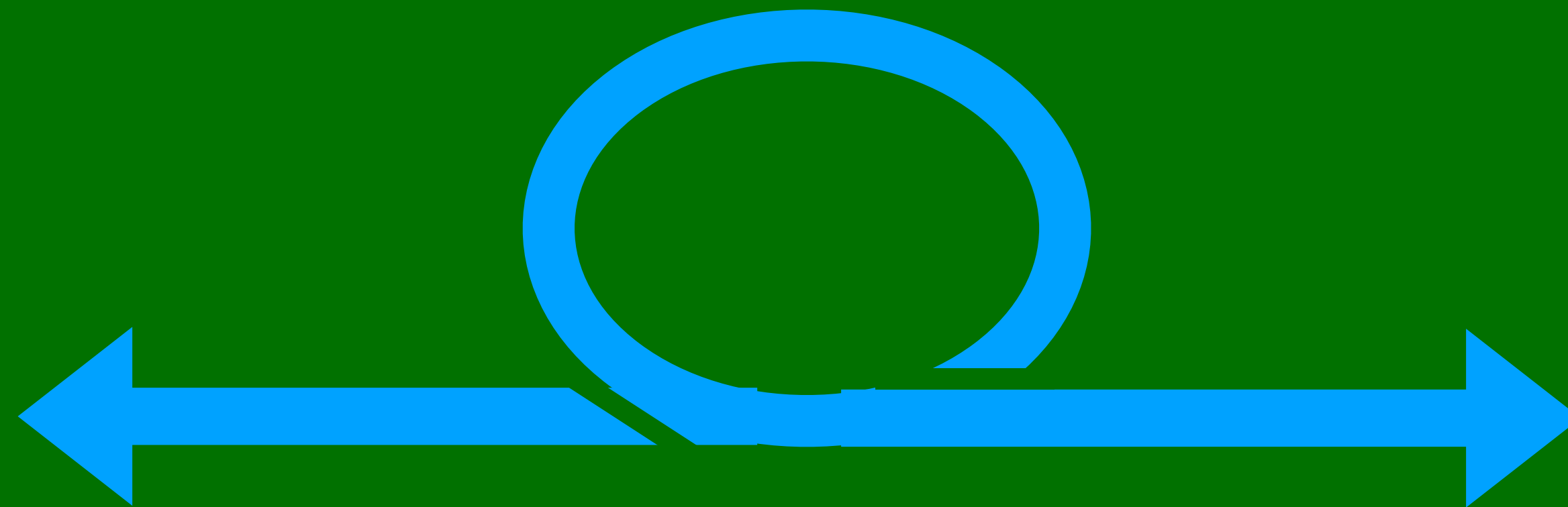
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The Perversion of the Gospel of Grace

Freedom
Good
Grace



Bondage
Bad
Works

Galatians 1:6-10

The **Danger** of the Perversion (6-7a)

The **Preaching** of the Perversion (7b-9)

The **Motivation** of the Perversion (10)



The Danger of the Perversion

They were deserting **the Grace of God**

They were deserting **the God of Grace**



They were deserting the Grace of God

Marvel = to be amazed at (negative here)

Removed = to be transported, change sides

So Soon = Paul had been there recently

Grace = 1) God's favor; 2) God's power

They were deserting the God of Grace

Called = call, invite

Not His first name

Him = God the Father

Not His last name

of Christ = the Lord Jesus Christ

Messianic Titles

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graph TD; A["of Christ = the Lord Jesus Christ"] --> B["Messianic Titles"]; C["Lord"] --> B; D["Christ"] --> B;
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The Preaching of the Perversion

They were **Perverting** the Gospel

They were **Troubling** the Saints

They were **Earning** a Curse



They were **Perverting** the Gospel

Pervert = distort, turn into something different

Preach = to announce good news, evangelize

Any other gospel = any gospel besides

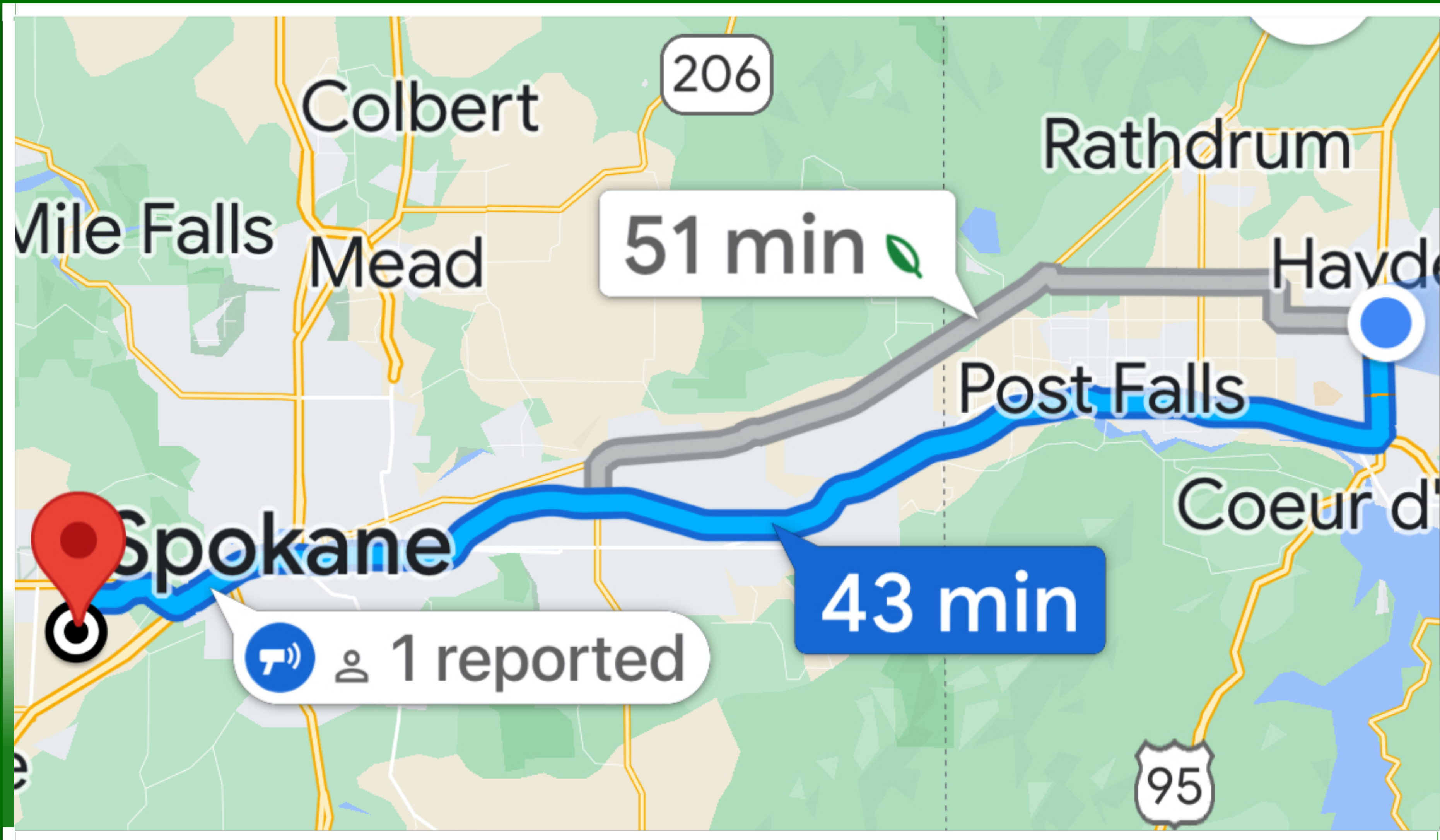
Received = passed on to

**Another Gospel
which is not Another**

Double-Speak?

Another Gospel
(of a different kind)

which is not Another
(of the same kind)



What is the **Gospel**? (See v. 4)

Christ **gave Himself** for our sins
to **deliver us** from this present world
in **obedience** to the Father
for the **glory** of the Father

What is the **Gospel**? (See v. 4)

Past: Released from the **Penalty** of sin

Present: Released from the **Power** of sin

Future: Released from the **Presence** of sin

You cannot mix
Grace and Works
because the **One** excludes the **Other**

A close-up photograph of a child's hands being helped to tie a dark blue sneaker with white laces. The child is wearing a pink shirt and purple and white striped sleeves. The background is a light blue surface.

Let me help you!

Grace

No, do it myself!

Works

Two Gospels:

God. Has. Done. Everything. For. Us.

GRACE!

We. Must. Do. Something. Too.

WORKS!

What are **WORKS?**

Believing the gospel is not a work

Confessing sin is not a work

Receiving Christ is not a work

Circumcision is a work

Being Good is a work

Going to Church is a work

Etc.

What had been **Preached/Received?**

(Past Tense = Already Happened)



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(Past Tense = Already Happened)

Acts 13:38-39 = forgiveness

Acts 14:3 = miracles

Acts 14:19-20 = stoning

Acts 14:22 = tribulation

Potential False Preachers:

“We” = don’t listen

“An Angel from Heaven” = don’t listen

(Satan - 2 Cor 11:3)

“Wherefore, forsaking the vanity of many
and their false doctrines,
let us return to the Word
which has been handed down to us
from the beginning.”

Polycarp

They were **Troubling** the Saints

Trouble = agitate, disturb, perplex, stir up

They were **Earning** a Curse

The False Teachers:

Anathema = set aside for destruction

The Hearers:

Foolish = Unwise, ignorant, slow of heart

Bewitched = led into error by subtlety (Satan w/ Eve)

**Cursing is much worse
than a 4-letter word!**

God give you blindness!



“And the Levites shall curse all the men of the lot of Satan, saying: ‘Be cursed because of all your guilty wickedness! May He deliver you up for torture at the hands of the vengeful Avengers! May He visit you with destruction by the hands of all the Wreakers of Revenge! Be cursed without mercy because of the darkness of your deeds! Be damned in the shadowy place of everlasting fire! May God not heed when you all on Him, nor pardon you by blotting out your sin! May He raise His angry face toward you for vengeance.’ ”

Dead Sea Scrolls

The Motivation of the Perversion

Not **Persuading God, but Men**

= to win favor, get on the good side of

Not **Pleasing God, but Men**

= to accommodate to others



“When Verdi produced his first opera in Florence, the composer stood by himself in the shadows and kept his eye on the face of one man in the audience — the Great Rossini. It mattered not to Verdi whether the people in the hall were cheering him or jeering him; all he wanted was a smile of approval from the master musician.”

Warren Wiersbe

Some False Gospels of Today

1 Corinthians 1:18, 21, 23-25

70 tons

170 mph



Some **False Gospels** of Today

Cultural gospel

Psychological gospel

Social gospel

Moral gospel

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Some **False Gospels** of Today

Gospel of **Love**

Gospel of **Self-Help**

Gospel of **Self-Esteem**

Gospel of **Political Involvement**

Gospel of **Political Correctness**

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Remember the **Gospel!**

Christ gave Himself for our sins
to deliver us from this present world
in obedience to the Father
for the glory of the Father

Hymn #239

“In Christ Alone”

