Some Common Perversions of the Gospel
Gal. 1:6-9

Introduction:
A. One must be careful not to pervert the gospel – a perversion makes it the same as another.
   1. By wrestling (twisting) the Scriptures (2 Pet. 3:16)
   2. By adding to or subtracting from Scriptures (Rev. 22:18-19)
B. We propose to show that much that is taught and practiced in the name of the gospel and the scriptures is really a perversion of the gospel that apostles preached:

Discussion:
I. The Perversion of the Teaching of the Scriptures on Baptism.
   A. Scriptural teaching
      1. An immersion in water (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; John 3:23; Acts 8:36-39)
      2. Part of gospel plan of salvation (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16)
   B. Popular present day teaching
      1. Sprinkling and pouring.
      2. Good to do, but put part of salvation.

II. The Perversion of The Teaching of the Scriptures on Church Worship.
   A. The teaching of the Scriptures (Eph. 5:19; 1 Cor. 14:15; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2).
   B. Popular present day alternations:
      1. Instrumental music, candle lighting, burning incense.
      2. Lord’s supper other than every first day of week.
      3. Money raising projects.

III. The Perversion of The Teaching of the Scriptures on Church Work.
   A. The teaching of the Scriptures (Eph. 4:16; Phil. 4:15; 2 Cor. 11:8; 1 Cor. 16:1,2).
   B. Popular present day additions:
      1. Social services programs.
      2. Recreational programs.
      3. Political action programs.

IV. The Perversion of The Teaching of the Scriptures on Church Organization.
   A. The teaching of the Scriptures — local organization (Acts 14:23; Phil 1:1; 1 Pet. 5:1-4).
   B. Popular present day organizations:
      1. Above the local level.
      2. On the local level.

V. The Perversion of The Teaching of the Scriptures on Church Unity.
   A. The teaching of the Scriptures — One body based on truth. (John 17:19-21; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; Eph. 4:1-6; 2:16; ; Jas. 3:17).
   B. Popular present day concept:
      1. “Good to have church of choice” - sanctifies division.
      2. “May differ in doctrine, but all serve same God”
      3. “Lay aside doctrinal differences and become one “fellowship” (cf. 2 John 9-11)

Conclusion:
A. If we follow the New Testament we will be united – neither Catholic nor Protestant — just Christians.