

# God, God, God! It has to be God's everything. God's message, God's sending, God's calling.

● Leon Morris ...

- Whichever way we may prefer to translate, Paul is speaking of the derivative nature of the Christian gospel. It is not something that wise men have made up; it comes from hearing the message given by those sent from God.

## WHEN IT COMES TO THE GOSPEL -> We Are "Derivative Artists"!

- Derivative: Originating from, based on, or influenced by; (typically of an artist or work of art) imitative of the work of another person, and usually disapproved of for that reason; something that comes from something else; a substance that is made from another substance; copied or adapted from others.
- Synonyms - imitative, unoriginal, uninventive.
- Antonyms - original.

## WHEN IT COMES TO THE GOSPEL -> We Are "Errand Boys & Girls"!

- Messenger: A person who carries a message or goes on an errand for another, especially as a matter of duty or business; a person employed to convey official dispatches or to go on other official or special errands.
- Synonyms - courier, runner, envoy, emissary, agent, go-between.

● GOD'S MESSAGE, NOT OUR MESSAGE!

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- Paul is saying that the preaching of the Christian message is impossible without the divine commission. A herald can have nothing to say unless it be given him. The gospel is derivative. It does not originate with preachers, and the other side of that coin is that nobody can operate as a preacher in the sense in which Paul is using the term here unless God has sent him.

God, God, God ...

- First, God. God is the subject of life. God is foundational for living. If we don't have a sense of the primacy of God, we will never get it right, get life right, get our lives right. Not God at the margins; not God as an option; not God on the weekends. God at center and circumference; God first and last; God, God, God.
- (The Message, Introduction to Genesis, Eugene Peterson, p. 19).

## A Highly Derivative Gospel!

