



Main point: Never desert Christ for any other gospel.

1. Deserting Christ
2. Distorting the gospel
3. Demanding a protest

#1:

“Describing how burdened he had been by the thought of the punishing justice of God, the idea that the righteous shall live by faith alone had struck him ‘like a thunderbolt,’ in the monastery’s privy tower where his study was situated. As he put it, ‘This art the Holy Spirit gave me on the cloaca.’ It was clear that Luther wanted his audience to be struck by the contrast between the importance of the revelation and the lowly place where it occurred.”

Lyndal Roper
Martin Luther: Renegade and Prophet

#2:

“I beat persistently upon Paul at that place, most ardently desiring to know what St. Paul wanted. At last, by the mercy of God, meditating day and night, I gave heed to the context of the words, namely, ‘In it the righteousness of God is revealed, as it is written, “He who through faith is righteous shall live.”’ There I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God, namely by faith. And this is the meaning: the righteousness of God is revealed by the gospel, namely, the passive righteousness with which the merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written, ‘He who through faith is righteous shall live.’ Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

Martin Luther

#3:

Exodus 32:8

They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”

#4:

“We must continue to uphold the gospel of grace that was formulated so clearly by Luther, Calvin, and the other Reformers. The clarity and the truth of the gospel could easily be lost. So many other things may clutter our minds, hearts, and lives that we may forget about the gospel, thinking all the while that we have not strayed from it. In our churches we may begin to concentrate on what it means to be good parents, to have a good marriage, to form meaningful relationships, and to make an impact in the world (all good things of course!), so that we slowly and inadvertently drift away from the gospel of free grace.”

Thomas Schreiner
Galatians: Exegetical Commentary on the NT



#5:

1 Corinthians 1:22-24, 26-28

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God...For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are

#6:

I was blinded by the devil,
Born already ruined,
Stone-cold dead
As I stepped out of the womb.
By His grace I have been touched,
By His word I have been healed,
By His hand I've been delivered,
By His spirit I've been sealed.
I've been saved
By the blood of the lamb,
And I'm so glad...
I want to thank You, Lord...
Thank You, Lord.

Bob Dylan
"Saved"

#7:

"As Christians continue to face the stiff wind of opposition from false gospels and from the culture at large, we must continue to protest. Scripture demands that we protest. We must protest every false gospel and every worldview that diminishes human flourishing. We must continue to hold fast to the core theological convictions of the Protestant Reformation and to the primacy and authority of Scripture. We must not fail in seeing Scripture rightly proclaimed, the church built up, and the message of the gospel reach every corner of the earth. As we approach the five-hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, my hope is that the theology of the Reformers finds new life in the modern church."

Albert Mohler