An Impeccable Resume
Galatians 1:11-24

_____ are one of the most common ways that people stretch the truth

_____ - _____ at the very center of day-to-day life

Apart from the Gospel, we must develop a resume of our own righteousness

   I. The Apostle Paul: an impeccable resume

      A. Religion at its most _____

         "According to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee." [Acts 26:5]

      B. _____ against the Church

         "I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it" [Acts 26:13b]

         Self-righteousness leads to anger, and even _____

  II. The _____ of works righteousness

      "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." [Romans 3:20]

      "My righteousness was nothing but a _____ _____" [Martin Luther]

III. Divine _____

      A. God's sovereign, gracious intervention

         1. God set me apart before I was born

         2. God called me by His _____

            "God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began" [2 Timothy 1:9]

            "For by grace you have been saved through _____" [Ephesians 2:8]

         3. God was pleased to _____ His Son to me

      B. Paul's brief biography is Gospel _____

         1. Works righteousness does not cut it

         2. There is _____ that the Lord cannot forgive!

            Paul persecuted the church [Jesus!] of God violently and tried to destroy it

            Bad News: "I am the chief of sinners"

            Good News: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"

            "No one is so good that they don't need of the gospel, nor so bad that they can't receive the grace of the gospel." [Tim Keller]

IV. The _____ impeccable resume

      Jesus lived the life we could never live

      Jesus died the death we deserve

      The Gospel is very good news for _____!

      Whether you are peddling frantically: "I think I can, I think I can"

      Or whether you feel dead in the water: "I know I can't"

      The righteousness from beyond has come _____ to us.

      Our Lord continues to dwell among us--happy _____ at the table