

# ROMANS 1: ADDING TO GOD'S WORD TO AND THROUGH PAUL

The Mystery of Iniquity attacks the Mystery of Godliness by deceiving about the Truth God gave to the Apostle Paul, usually dressed as ministers of righteousness (2 Thess. 2:1-5; 2 Cor. 11:13-15)

- a. Adding other Bible Truths by taking them out of context and bringing them into Paul's Preaching without rightly dividing them.
- b. Adding the Wisdom of the World and bringing it into Paul's Preaching.

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### Case Study 1: Other Bible Truth: Water Baptism

- a. The Problem: Contentions/Schisms/Divisions. (1 Cor. 1:10-13)
- b. The Cause: Adding Water Baptism to Paul's Preaching.
  - Apollos water baptism went back to John the Baptist! (Acts 18:24-25)
  - Christ's water baptism went back to when the Spirit came upon Him and the Father proclaimed: **This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased!** (Mat. 3:16-17)
  - Peter's water baptism went back to Pentecost and the giving of the Spirit to all believers!  
(Acts 2:38)
- c. If water baptism was the way to select a teacher—Paul would be excluded completely because Paul was not sent to water baptize! (1 Cor. 1:17)
- d. Water Baptism is called the Bloodiest "Christian" Doctrine—est. >50,000,000 deaths!
- e. The irony is that water baptism is not part of what God is doing today!

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### Case Study 2—Wisdom of the World

- a. Adding the world's wisdom to Paul's Gospel makes the cross of Christ of NO EFFECT!  
(1 Cor. 1:17)
- b. Paul's Preaching of the Cross is the Foolishness of the World.  
(1 Cor. 1:18-20)
- c. All the world's wisdom never brought anyone closer to God and never saved even one person!  
(1 Cor. 1:21-25)
- d. But lowly and infirm Paul preaches the foolishness of the Cross and ALL who believe are brought to God and eternally saved!  
(1 Cor. 1:21)

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## ➤ **The Antidote to These Attacks on God's Truth for Today:**

Paul Gives a Short Course on His Unique Apostleship:

1. It is distinct from all other ministries and apostleships. (1 Cor. 1:17)
2. It was a Mystery. (1 Cor. 2:6-8)
3. This is what the Holy Spirit is teaching today. (1 Cor. 2:9-12)
4. Paul is the Farmer and Master Architect. (1 Cor. 3:5-11)
  - Paul Planted the Field—Others water what he planted.
  - Paul laid the Foundation of Christ (Rom. 16:25)—others build on it.
  - Paul is the Masterbuilder—others build according to his plan.
5. This is the only way to participate in what God is doing today and bear fruit of eternal value. (1 Cor. 3:5-11)
6. Bring These Things Back to Remembrance. (1 Cor. 4:17)

➤ **We are all Timothys today!**

**And Are Faithful to the Lord When We Remind Others of Paul's Teachings!**