

How to deal with False Teachers pt 2

Word of the Day: False Teachers.

- 1) False Teachers Deceive
- 2) False Teachers must be Silenced.
- 3) False Teachers are Recognized by:
 - A) Their Shameful gain
 - B) Their Lies and Lifestyles

4) False Teachers must be Called out.

2 Timothy 4:1-2, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- Rebuke them Sharply that they may be sound in the faith. (1:13)
- People sometimes misinterpret scripture which says, "Let the wheat and the Tares grow up together" (Matthew 13:30) but the problem is Jesus is talking about Christians in the world not how people act in the church.
- Luke 10:3 Jesus sends us out as Lambs among wolves, but we are not to keep wolves in the sheep pen.
- The rebuke of the false teachers is because they are not just hurting themselves but because they are leading people astray.
- To rebuke them sharply means to criticize them strongly and it can also mean publicly.
- Jesus quoted correct doctrine when Satan wrongly used scripture in Matthew 4:1-11.
- Jesus rebuked the religious leaders because they did not know the scriptures (Matt. 22:29-30) and He silenced the Sadducees by stating the truth (Matt. 22:34)

5) False Teachers devote themselves to strange teachings.

2 Timothy 4:3-4, Mark 7:6-8, Colossians 2:8

- Not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. (1:14)
- Myth means fanciful tales

6) False Teachers make everything impure.

- TO the pure all things are pure but to the defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure. (1:15)
- How does one become pure? Through faith in Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 1:30-31)
- We must be cleansed from within because as unclean vessels everything we touch is unclean. This is what Jesus was explaining to the religious leaders and called them whitewashed tombs. (Matt. 23:24-27)
- Isaiah 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean
- The impure corrupt the gospel because they really don't believe the gospel of faith in Christ alone because they have a works mentality.

7) False Teachers are exposed by their works.

Romans 10:9-10, 1 John 2:1-6

- They profess to know God, but they deny Him by their works.
- These people have made a public profession of faith that they were Christians, but they deny it because they are relying on their works and their rituals to save them.
- Our confession (Faith in Christ alone for Salvation) should lead to a lifestyle change (works).
- James 2:14-26 says faith without works is dead.
- "They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work."
- Detestable in the noun form is how Jesus describes the Anti-Christ in Matthew 24:15
- Disobedient means not living the life God requires.

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- Unfit or worthless means to be disqualified.
- Parallel passages to Titus are Matthew 15:1-2 and Mark 7:1-23. Here Jesus teaches that it is not your “good works” that change your heart, but your heart must first be changed by faith in Christ to do good works.
- The main problem with a works salvation is we put ourselves in the place that only Christ belongs.

Closing

- So much false teaching has snuck into the church unnoticed and deceiving many into thinking they are Christians (Christ Followers) when they have never truly been saved.
- We need to be vigilant in what we believe, what we hear and especially what we repeat to make sure that it lines up with scripture.
- Deception as we get closer to the end times is going to grow and we need to know what the Bible says especially about the finished work of Christ.

Devotions Titus 1:10-16

1. Why do some Christians think it is wrong to call out preachers that are teaching a false theology?
2. What does Titus 1:13 tell us we should do to those who are teaching a false doctrine.
3. What were they turning to instead of turning to the finished work of Christ according to verse 14?
4. Read vs 15. Why does false teaching corrupt everything we do and say?
5. Why does trying to earn our own salvation show that we do not really believe in Jesus?



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