

Beware...False teachings

THE HAND OF GOD:

- ✓ Bible written over 1600 year period
- ✓ Written by over 40 different authors
- ✓ 2500 prophecies in bible, approximately 2000 fulfilled
- ✓ Chance of prophecies being fulfilled by chance is less than 1 in 10.

How to guard against false teachings.

1. Knowing what you believe.
2. Learning about false beliefs
3. Seek Gods guidance.

I Timothy 1: 3-7

3As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

4Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: *so do*.

5Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith unfeigned:

- {ver.5} Gods transforming power creates a PURE HEART, GOOD CONSCIENCE, and SINCERE FAITH.
- A Pure Heart is a heart that has a singleness of devotion to God.
- Sincere Faith is a faith that cleanses the conscience so that it becomes a Good Conscience.
- Faith in Christ is sincere and not mixed with false doctrines and religious philosophies.

6From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;

7Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

- False doctrines minister questions
- Sound doctrine leads to Godly edifying in faith.

The biblical teaching about Christ is the standard by which believers measure every teaching.

- Is Christ in the message?
- Does the teaching lead to Faith in Jesus?
- Is God Glorified?

I Timothy 1: 11-17

11According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

12And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.

14And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all
longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.
17Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever
and ever. Amen.

- Grace = Greek word '*charis*': free undeserved favor. Gods unmerited favor.

God's Grace upon Paul.

Acts 9 1-8, 20-22

1And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went
unto the high priest,
2And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way,
whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.
3And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a
light from heaven:
4And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
5And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is*
hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
6And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said*
unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
7And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.
8And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him
by the hand, and brought *him* into Damascus.

20And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.
21But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called
on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound
unto the chief priests?
22But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus,
proving that this is very Christ.

Timothy's Charge To War a Good Warfare

I Timothy 18-20

18This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before
on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;
19Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made
shipwreck:
20Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn
not to blaspheme.

- War against false teachings.
- As Timothy was charged to defend the faith against false teachings, so are Christians today.

II Timothy 2: 15-16

15Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly
dividing the word of truth.
16But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

II Peter 2: 1-6

1But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

4For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

- evil spoken of = blasphemed.
- Feigned = fabricated.