

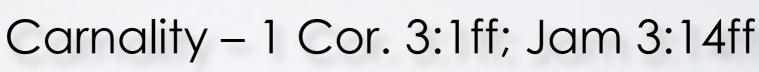


The church (people of God) has always faced DANGER!

Persecution / temptation – Mark 13:9 / 1 Cor. 10:1-13; 1 John 2:15-17; Mt 6:24

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THE

WORLD

PRIDE /

SELFISHNESS

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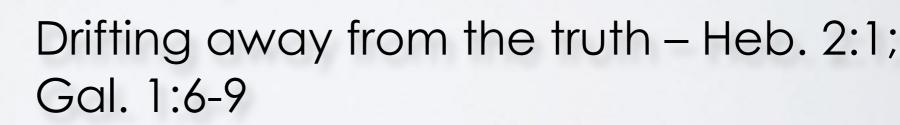
DIVISION

STUFF /

MATERIALISM

APATHY /

COMPROMISE



Lukewarmness – Rev 3:14 ff

Deception – Mat. 24:4; 2 Pet 2:1-22

2 PETER 2:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

The Early Church Was Warned & Instructed

- The **DANGER** 2 Pet 2:1-3; Mt 24:5,24; Eph. 4:14; 1 Tim 4:1,2; Heb. 13:9;
- "Come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." Mt 7:15
- "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way." - Mt 13:2
- "False brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth . . .)" Gal 2:4
- "By the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting," Ephes. 4:14 (NKJV)
- "Creep into households and make captives of gullible women" - 2 Tim. 3:6 (NKJV)
- Crept in unawares" Jude 1:4

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LEARN, **GUARD** & **CONTEND** for the Truth – Ep 4:15; 1 Ti 6:20; 2 Pt 3:14-18; Jude 3,4

TEST every doctrine – 1 Jn 4:1;

MARK, AVOID, WITHDRAW, SHUN -Rom. 16:17; 1 Tim 6:3-5; 2 Tim 2:16-18;

Mouths MUST be STOPPED - Tit. 1:10-14

False Doctrines The Early Church Faced

- Idolatry Romans 1:21-25 Judaism - Acts 15:1; Acts 21:20-25; Galatians 3:1-6:18
- Gnosticism 1 John
- **Stoicism** Acts 17:18
 - Epicureanism Acts 17:18
 - **Denial of the resurrection** 1 Cor. 15; 2 Tim. 2:17,18

IDOLATRY

JUDAISM

GNOSTICISM

STOICISM

EPICUREANISM

MATERIALISM

- Catholicism / Individualism / Experientialism / Creedalism
- Messianic Judaism / Traditionalism
- Mysticism / Spiritualism / Emotionalism
- Asceticism / Extreme rejection of pleasure or enjoyment.
- "If It Feels Good Do It" /
- Greed / Worldliness / Carnality

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Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1





BEWARE ALS EACHERS

How To IDENTIFY A False TEACHER:
The Bible vs. What They SAY
The Narrow vs. the Wide Gate
Spiritual Unity vs. Ungodly Division
Godliness vs. Godlessness
Good Fruit vs. Bad Fruit

TYPICALLY, FALSE Teachers:

Minimize the Need for Authority
Depend on human wisdom
Minimize the need to OBEY Jesus
Teach that God's love & grace
permits a continuance in sin
Redefines terms to support their error
Misuses scripture - (Mt 4:6; 2 Pet 3:16)
Ignores scripture that exposes error

- Denominationalism 1 Cor. 1:10-13
 - Ecumenicalism 2 John 9,10
- Calvinism T.U.L.I.P. 2 Pet 3:9
- EASY Believism Luke 9:23-26
- O.S.A.S. Hebrews 10:35-39
 - Premillennialism / Hyper-Preterism — John 5:28,29; 1 Thes 4:13-16

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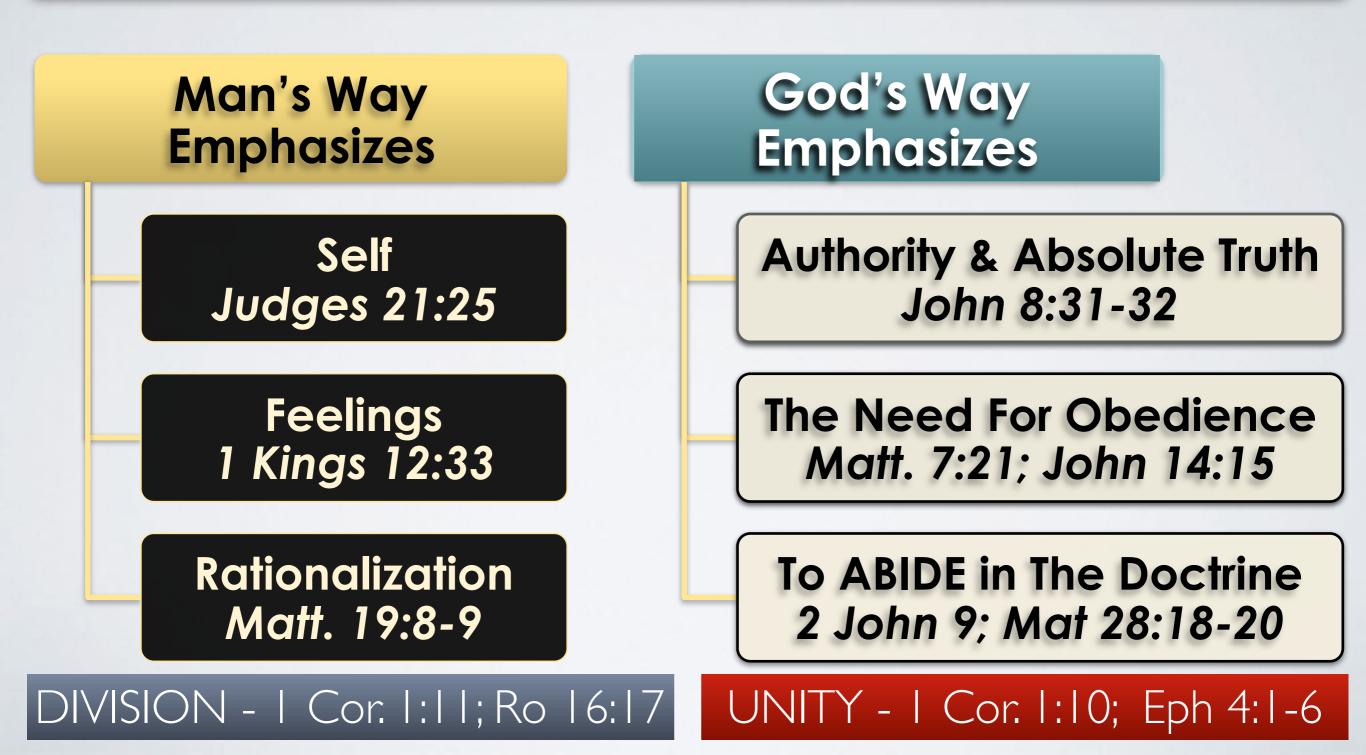
Tolerationism – Rom. 14; Rev 2:12-17 Institutionalism – 1 Tim. 3:15 The Social Gospel – Rom. 14:17 Neo-Calvinism – 1 Cor. 10:13 M.D.R. – Mat. 5:31,32; 19:9 Emotionalism – Prov. 14:12 Role of Holy Spirit (mysticism) — 1 Jn 3:24; 4:6; Jn 16:13 Theistic Evolution – Gen. 1,2

De-Emphasis of Biblical Authority

When we move away from the firm foundation of a "thus saith the Lord" we:

We begin to depend more and more on human wisdom – We will move further and further away from God – We set a course for complete apostasy –

De-Emphasis of Biblical Authority



They Are COMMON

They Are SNEAKY

They Are DECEPTIVE

They Are CRAFTY

They Are DANGEROUS

They Are DESTRUCTIVE

2 Corinthians 11:13–15 (NKJV) ¹³ For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ...

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Matthew 15:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

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What Must I Do TO BE SAVED?

HEAR the TRUTH

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

BEWARE ALS ENDERGISE

What Must I Do TO BE SAVED?

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BELIEVE Jesus Is LORD

John 8:24 (NKJV) ²⁴ Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."

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CONFESS Jesus as Lord

Matthew 10:32 (NKJV) ³² "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

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Acts 17:30 (NKJV) 3° Truly, these times of ignorance

God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, **REPENT** of SIN

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REPENT of SIN

Be BAPTIZED into Christ

Acts 2:38 (NKJV) ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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ABIDE in Christ

Hebrews 10:36 (NKJV) ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:



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Jeremiah 23:16–22 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷ They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The Lord has said, "You shall have peace" '; And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.' "

Jeremiah 23:16–22 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it? 19 Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord has gone forth in fury— A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the Lord will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

Jeremiah 23:16–22 (NKJV) ²¹ "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings.