

# UNSOOUND DOCTRINE

**A MESSAGE FOR PASTORS/PRIESTS  
AND CHURCH LEADERS**



**Eccl 12:12-14**

**And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.**

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***A Book for Leaders in the Body of Christ***

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# **FORWARD:**

As has happened many times in the past, Timothy II was awakened in bed at 4:00 am by the Lord; however, this time the Lord spoke to him until 6:00 am. He then made Timothy II go down to his office and write this “Message from the Lord”. Without any prior motivation in writing about this subject, Timothy II wrote from 6:00 am until 9:00 am; at which time he finished the “Message”.

Being faithful to the Lord, this ‘Study Guide’ which has developed from the “Message from the Lord”, has been written without any animosity and has not been edited from it’s original content.

This ‘Study Guide’ is not meant to put down, nor to harm anyone in the ‘Body of Christ’ for their beliefs. However, the intent of this “Message from the Lord”, is to clarify any errors in Sound Doctrine, no matter how slight it is, in order to help the ‘Body of Christ’ to become as one; fitted jointly together and compacted in Love.

## **Eph 4:14**

14 **That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine,** by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

## **Eph 4:15**

15 **But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things,** which is the head, even Christ:

## **Eph 4:16**

16 **From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted** by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, **maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

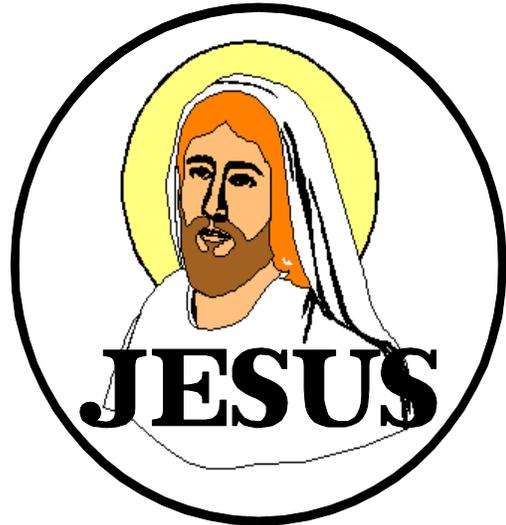
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# **UNSOOUND DOCTRINE A GENERAL INTRODUCTION**



**FOCUS ON OTHER  
THINGS**

**VS**



**FOCUS ON JESUS**

## A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO UNSOUND DOCTRINE

**In these last days**, God is bringing His ‘True Church’ into a closer relationship with Him, so that we will Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. (John 4:23, 24)

The ‘ONLY’ way this can be accomplished is through Jesus Christ. That is because Jesus is the ‘ONLY’ Way and He ‘IS’ the Truth. (John 14:6)

In order to do this, God is bringing each individual church into accountability for it’s “Doctrinal Foundation”. This “Doctrinal Foundation” ‘MUST’ be pure and cannot be proliferated with any Doctrine other than that of Jesus Christ.

(Isaiah 28:16 1 Corinthians 3:11 Hebrews 6:1)

If a church is truly following God the Holy Spirit, it cannot have any other “Doctrinal Foundation”, because the Holy Spirit ‘IS’ the Spirit of Truth. (John 16:13)

When we follow God the Holy Spirit, we can only have ‘ONE’ foundation, and that is Jesus Christ. That is because The Holy Spirit will always cause us to speak and to glorify Jesus. (John 15:26 16:14)

Many churches function in the ‘Gifts of the Spirit’ (1 Corinthians 12:7-11); therefore, they think they are following God the Holy Spirit. However, the ‘Gifts of the Spirit’ are ‘without (outside of) Repentance’ (Romans 11:29); so that you can actually be wrong in your Doctrine or even be in sin, and still be functioning in the ‘Gifts of the Spirit’.

‘Unsound Doctrine’ is not ‘False Doctrine’. ‘False Doctrine’ is fairly easy to discern; however, ‘Unsound Doctrine’ is much harder to recognize.

This is because ‘False Doctrine’ is built on an ‘Untruth’, and ‘Unsound Doctrine’ is built on ‘A’ truth. ‘Untruth’, according to the dictionary, is a falsehood; a lack of truth; or disloyalty.

Truth is in Jesus, so ‘A’ truth is a part of the truth (Jesus) but not all that He encompasses!

‘A’ truth therefore, is not enough to build a “Doctrinal Foundation” upon.

The original foundation of the Church was laid by the Apostles and Prophets. (Ephesians 2:20 1 Corinthians 3:10)

**In these last days**, God is restoring His Church to it’s original foundation through the Apostles and Prophets, so that it will become without ‘spot or wrinkle’. (Ephesians 5:27)

What has been missing from the Church up till now, has been the completeness of the ‘Five Fold Ministry’. (1 Corinthians 13:28 Ephesians 4:11 2 Corinthians 10:8)

Some Pastors and their churches have been wandering in their Doctrine because of the lack of responsibility and/or accountability. (Ephesians 4:14)

There has been no one to go to for help or counsel, except within their own organizations. Thus, there has been no outside input, and these churches and/or organizations have become inverted and stereotyped in their Doctrine. This is not God’s plan.

It is the responsibility of the “Apostles/Messengers” and the Prophets to pronounce Sound Doctrine to these Pastors/Priests, speaking the truth in Love. (Ephesians 4:15)

This pronouncing of Sound Doctrine is not to be confused with the ‘criticism’ that we are seeing on T.V., in magazines, or hearing on the radio. The people that do this, are not Called of God. God doesn’t work that way.

The “Apostles/Messengers” and the Prophets that are truly Called to pronounce Sound Doctrine (not criticism), will do it through the Wisdom of God. This Wisdom will be pure, peaceable, gentle, easily entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. (James 3:13-18)

The reason why God is sending His “Apostles/Messengers” and Prophets to the Pastors, is to remind each of you that like the church at Ephesus, you could be doing many good works; but somewhere in the past, you may have left your first Love (Jesus). (Revelation 2:2-4)

If you have left your first Love (Jesus), God is saying to you that you must Repent. You must get rid of all ‘Unsound Doctrine’, no matter how much truth there may be in it, and return to your original foundation (Jesus Christ). If you don’t, you may lose your church! (Revelation 2:5)

Others of you, may be as the church at Pergamos, who kept the name of Jesus, and didn’t deny the faith; but somewhere down the line, they let others in the church merge their own Doctrine into the “Doctrinal Foundation” of the church. (Revelation 2:14, 15)

Those of you that may be as the church at Thyatira, may be allowing someone to actually teach False and/or ‘Unsound Doctrine’ in your churches. (Revelation 2:20)

Although some of this Doctrine is False Doctrine, when mixed with the truth, it can be watered down to sound good.

Most ‘Unsound Doctrine’ is good Doctrine that has been merged with the things of the ‘flesh’, or of the ‘world’. Sounds like the same old enemy (Satan) doesn’t it?

This is because some False Prophets, and False Teachers have slipped into the church. They are of the world and the world wants to hear them. (1 John 4:5)

This is how we know the difference between the ‘Spirit of Truth’ and the ‘spirit of error’; because they will always speak of the world.

These are those with itchy ears. (2 Timothy 4:3)

The truth is, like the church at Smyrna, many churches in these last days have been and will remain in poverty; but as the Lord says, they are rich. Many are going through tribulation and blasphemy. Others are suffering, and many thrown into prisons, and some will actually be killed for Jesus’ sake. (Rev 2:9, 10)

Only in America do we not see these things, except in the inner cities. That is why some of our “Doctrinal Foundation” is Unsound. It will only work in America.

We see many of these things already happening throughout the world. Yet some teach that if we will follow their ‘Unsound Doctrine’, we won’t have to go through these trials.

### **That is not Scriptural!**

The Bible teaches that as Christians, we ‘WILL’ have persecutions, tribulations, chastisements, and temptations. That’s a promise! (Mark 10:29, 30 Acts 14:21, 22 Hebrews 12:5-8 Luke 4:1)

Instead of trying to avoid these things through our Doctrine, why not be like Paul and take pleasure in it

(2 Corinthians 12:10), and glory in it (Romans 5:3), and like James count it all joy (James 1:2).

Once a Pastor and/or a church has been warned by the spoken or written word of the “Apostles/Messengers” or Prophets through God the Holy Spirit, that they have ‘Unsound Doctrine’; it is up to them either to receive it or reject it. (Ephesians 3:3-5)

The most difficult part of this ‘Work’ of the Ministry, is that there are so many varying degrees of ‘Unsound Doctrine’. Some churches may have an ‘ever so slight’ amount of ‘Unsound Doctrine’ in their foundation. Nevertheless, the Lord still requires Repentance, and removal of that part of their ‘Unsound Doctrine’. Those that refuse or choose to ignore the warnings of the Lord, may not fit into the True ‘Body of Christ’. Remember, we are all in this together; if you are out of joint, so are we.

If the ‘Apostolic warnings’ are not heeded, then three things will happen! The first is, turmoil will move into the church. Pastors/churches may blame the devil for this turmoil, but the Lord is allowing it to save that church and to cleanse it from all unrighteousness.

(1 Corinthians 3:12-15 Isaiah 10:16-19)

Secondly, the Pastor/church which stays in ‘rebellion’ will have it’s Candlestick removed. In other words that church will die. (Revelation 2:5)

Remember, ‘rebellion’ is as the sin of witchcraft. (1 Samuel 15:23)

Thirdly, and the worst, is that the Pastor/church won’t heed the warnings because they are not saved. The Lord will come and wrap a banner around that church with the word “ICHABOD” written on it; meaning “THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS DEPARTED”! (1 Samuel 4:21, 22)

That church will then go into “THE GREAT TRIBULATION”! Unless they Repent! (Revelation 2:22 Matthew 24:21)

Remember, it is not the “Apostles/Messengers” or Prophets that will cause the turmoil or destruction in the church; it is the “Word of God” that they speak or write. The “Word of God” is sharper than any two-edged sword dividing asunder the ‘joints and the marrow’ of the True ‘Body of Christ’, and will reveal the ‘thoughts and intents’ of the hearts of the Pastors/Priests. (Hebrews 4:12)

We pray that all who read or hear this series on ‘Unsound Doctrine’, will have an ear to hear what God the Holy Spirit is saying to the Pastors/Priests and the churches. (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29 3:6, 13, 22)

We pray that you will do whatever is necessary, no matter how hard it is, so that you will receive a ‘Full Reward’! (2 John 8)

We pray that none of you have gone so far, that you are no longer abiding in the “Doctrine of Christ”, thereby making yourself a ‘transgressor’. (2 John 9)

May God bless you, and quicken your spirit through the Holy Spirit, as you study this series on ‘Unsound Doctrine’. (Psalms 80:18, 19 Psalms 119:30-40 Psalms 143:10, 11)

**Amen!**

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**\*Note:**

The familiar terms that are used in the following ‘titles’ of the parts of this book; are merely used to identify the types of Doctrine that are being discussed.

For example, ‘Faith’ is one of the most important part of our beliefs as Christians. Those that teach on ‘Faith’, which includes all of us, are not the one’s being discussed.

Therefore, please don’t judge us because you may think we are talking about these people. (Isaiah 29:21)

Only those that are using these areas as their ‘Doctrinal Foundation’ instead of “Jesus”, are the ones we are concerned with.

These terms are in no way meant to be ‘derogatory’ to those that use them in their teachings.

# UNSOOUND DOCTRINE

## PART 1



**FOCUS ON FAITH**

# THE FAITH DOCTRINE

**VS**



**FOCUS ON JESUS**

# UNSOUND DOCTRINE

## PART 1

### THE “EVER SO SLIGHT” BUT IMPORTANT ERROR IN THE “DOCTRINE OF FAITH”

The main problem with the ‘Doctrine of Faith’ is it is a Doctrine built on ‘one’ truth of the Bible. Although it is truth, Faith is only one of the many ‘building blocks’ of Church Doctrine. The only single foundation to build Church Doctrine on is JESUS !

Instead of focusing on Faith, we need to focus on **the “Author and Finisher” of our faith, JESUS !**  
(Hebrews 12:2)

The results of following a single truth is that it can lead to an imbalance in our walk and thoughts as a Christian.

We ourselves tend to start doing work of the ministry, and not allowing Jesus to lead us.

The result is that the work can become a burden, and soon we end up striving and straining to get the work done.

Jesus said His yoke is easy and His burden is light. (Matthew 11:30)

Is it in your ‘work’ of the ministry?

Sometimes the enemy allows ‘prosperity’ to enter into the situation, thus making us think that the work is being blessed by God.

But is it? Remember, Jesus looks on the ‘thoughts and intents’ of the heart!

(Hebrews 4:12)

An example of not keeping Jesus as the Foundation of the Church is found in the Church of Ephesus in Revelation 2.

The Church of Ephesus was doing many good works:

#### **Revelation 2: 2**

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience,

But they had left their first love, “Jesus”.

#### **Revelation 2: 4**

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

The result being they need to ‘repent’ and go back to the way they started, or else they will lose their church!

### **Revelation 2: 5**

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

This is why we shouldn’t build our church on a single ‘building block’, such as Faith. If our focus is solely on Faith, it is very easy to leave our first Love, Jesus. This can happen very subtly, and although not intentional, it can happen without our awareness. That is because Faith is ‘A’ truth, but not the whole truth. Jesus is the whole truth, and He must be our whole doctrine in the church.

When Faith is taught as a single Doctrine, it usually is taught as one kind of Faith, but there are many kinds of Faith taught in the Bible.

In order to understand this better, let’s look at what the Bible says.

The main emphasis in the “Doctrine of Faith’ is based on “What Faith is”,. And since this can be over-emphasized, let us rather look at “What Faith is not”.

## **WHAT FAITH IS NOT:**

### **1. FAITH IS NOT A COMMANDMENT:**

‘Belief in Jesus’ and ‘Love one another’ are the only Commandments under the New Covenant.

#### **1 John 3: 23**

**and this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another,** as he gave us commandment.

Therefore, whatever we ask, we receive, because we keep His Commandments - not because of Faith.

#### **1 John 3: 22**

**And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments,** and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

We also know that we dwell in Him and He in us by keeping His Commandments - not by Faith.

#### **1 John 3: 24**

**And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him.**

And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

If we Love God, we will keep His Commandments - not Faith.

#### **1 John 5: 3**

**For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments:** and his commandments are not grievous.

We know we Love each other, and Love God, when we are willing to keep His Commandments - not by Faith.

**1 John 5: 2**

**By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

**John 14: 15**

**If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

**John 14: 21**

**He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:** and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

## **2. FAITH IS NOT THE GREATEST WAY:**

A more excellent Way is Love.

**1 Corinthians 12: 31**

But covet earnestly the best gifts: and **yet show I unto you a more excellent way.**

Love never fails - Our Faith will.

**1 Corinthians 13: 8**

**Charity never faileth:** but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

The greatest Way is not Faith.

**1 Corinthians 13: 13**

**And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.**

## **3. FAITH IS NOT THE GREATEST 'CHARISMA' GIFT OF THE SPIRIT:**

It is just 'one' of the nine 'Gifts of the Spirit'.

**1 Corinthians 12: 8**

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

**1 Corinthians 12: 9**

**To another faith by the same Spirit;** to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

**1 Corinthians 12: 10**

To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

The Gift of Faith is needed to fully function in the Gifts, but it is only given by the Holy Spirit as He Wills !

**1 Corinthians 12: 11**

But all these worketh that one and **the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will**

However, we are to ‘covet’ the best Gifts.

**1 Corinthians 12: 31**

**But covet earnestly the best gifts:** and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.

The purpose of the Gift of Faith is to:

**1 Corinthians 14: 12**

Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, **seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.**

**4. FAITH IS NOT THE GREATEST ‘FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT’:**

In the order of the ‘Fruit of the Spirit’, Faith is ranked number seven.

**Galatians 5: 22**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is** love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, **faith,**

**Galatians 5: 23**

Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Fruit ripens as a result of something. In order to bear fruit, we must do certain things. To bear the ‘Fruit of the Spirit’ such as Faith, we must crucify the flesh.

**Galatians 5: 24**

And **they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh** with the affections and lusts.

And walk in the Spirit.

**Galatians 5: 25**

If we live in the Spirit, **let us also walk in the Spirit.**

If we don’t do these things, no matter how much we want it, our ‘Fruit of Faith’ will leave us.

**FAITH IN GENERAL:**

**1. STRIVING FOR FAITH:**

Can put us back under law.

**Galatians 5: 1**

**Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.**

**Galatians 3: 12**

**And the law is not of faith:** but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

Although we wait for righteousness by Faith,

**Galatians 5: 5**

**For we through the Spirit** wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Faith cannot work without Love.

**Galatians 5: 6**

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; **but faith which worketh by love.**

Therefore, we cannot let Faith become our focus.

**Galatians 5: 4**

**Christ is become of no effect unto you,** whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

For by Love we serve one another - not by Faith.

**Galatians 5: 13**

**For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty;** only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love serve one another.**

And all the law is fulfilled in this,

**Galatians 5: 14**

**For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

## **2. THE FAITH FOR SALVATION:**

It takes God's Faith, not our Faith.

**Habakkuk 2: 4**

Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: **but the just shall live by His faith.**

**Galatians 3: 22**

But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, **that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**

**Romans 3: 22**

Even the righteousness of God **which is by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

**Romans 10: 8**

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: **that is, the word of faith, which we preach;**

The Faith for Salvation comes from hearing the 'Rhema' or spoken word of God, led by the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 10: 17**

**So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

Although we stand by Faith, we must not become prideful about it, and we must 'Fear the Lord'.

**Romans 11: 20**

Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and **thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:**

### **3. FAITH VARIES WITH EACH PERSON:**

We do not all have the same amount of Faith, nor do we have it at the same time. Striving for Faith can lead to envy and strife if we are not careful.

**Romans 12: 3**

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, **according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

**Romans 12: 6**

**Having then gifts differing** according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, **let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;**

**Romans 1: 17**

**For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith:** as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Therefore, striving for Faith can lead to frustration.

**2 Timothy 2: 24**

**And the servant of the Lord must not strive;** but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

### **4. FAITH CANNOT FUNCTION ALONE (BY ITSELF):**

It must be accompanied with works, or it is dead.

**James 2: 17**

**Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.**

**James 2: 20**

But wilt thou know, O vain man, **that faith without works is dead?**

Works must always be present.

**James 2: 14**

What doth it profit, my brethren, **though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?**

The proof of real Faith is by works.

**James 2: 18**

**Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.**

**James 2: 22**

Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and **by works was faith made perfect?**

A person is not justified by only Faith.

**James 2: 24**

**Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.**

**James 2: 26**

For as the body without the spirit is dead, **so faith without works is dead also.**

## **FINAL WARNINGS:**

**Proverbs 10: 17**

He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but **he that refuseth reproof erreth.**

**Proverbs 19: 27**

**Cease , my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.**

**1 Timothy 6: 10**

**For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

**1 Timothy 6: 20**

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, **avoiding profane and vain babblings,** and oppositions of science falsely so called:

**1 Timothy 6: 21**

**Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.**

## **CONCLUSION:**

Although Faith is an important part of our Christian walk, it is not the 'Most' important part.

We must remember that there are different kinds of Faith, and the purpose for each is different. To lump them together and treat them alike is to cause the 'Body of Christ' to either trust in the results instead of Jesus, or to blame Him for the defeats that are sure to come.

To teach Faith as the single most important factor (truth) in the Church is not Scriptural.

We could build a good case to make ‘Love’ our sole Doctrine for the Church; but this too could soon put us under the law. Love as well as Faith without Jesus, means nothing.

Many times the original person(s), who receive a truth, are correct in their use of that truth. God the Holy Spirit presented it at a time for a purpose.

The problem is that those that follow may misuse that truth by not fully understanding the original intent or purpose of that truth.

To build a “Doctrinal Foundation” on that single truth can cause division, strife, and misunderstanding in the ‘Body of Christ’. It eventually can lead to destruction.

God the Holy Spirit moves us through many truths, and sometimes they are just for a specific time. If we stop the train and get off and camp on that particular truth, our growth becomes stunted, and we soon become ‘inverted’ and believe we have the only ‘real’ truth.

Instead, we must continue to grow and expand in all of God’s truths.

If we camp on any ‘one’ truth, let it be **JESUS !**

**John 14: 6**

**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:** no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Jesus said He would send another to help us; God the Holy Spirit, which is the ‘Spirit of Truth’. Let us put all of our Doctrine in His hands, and let Him show us the Way.

**John 14: 16**

**And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,** that he may abide with you for ever;

**John 14: 17**

**Even the Spirit of truth;** whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

**John 15: 26**

**But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth,** which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me:**

**John 16: 13**

**Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:** for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

God the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Truth), will always glorify **JESUS !**

**John 16: 14**

**He shall glorify me:** for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

Therefore, if we follow the Holy Spirit, we will never leave our “First Love” !!

**AMEN !!**  
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# **UNSOOUND DOCTRINE**

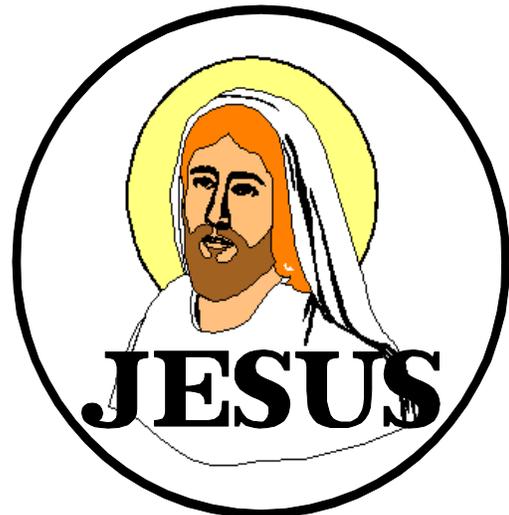
## **PART 2**



**FOCUS ON  
PROSPERITY**

**THE  
PROSPERITY  
DOCTRINE**

**VS**



**FOCUS ON  
JESUS**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

This Study Guide is Part 2 of the series on ‘Unsound Doctrine’. The Lord has encouraged Timothy II to write on these controversial subjects in order to make the ‘Body of Christ’ aware of any Doctrine that is not ‘completely’ Sound (not necessarily False Doctrine).

This will help the ‘Body of Christ’ to avoid the pitfalls of ‘overemphasis’ of any singular truth in the Bible that a church may make as it’s foundation. For there is no other foundation than the foundation of Jesus Christ!

This Study Guide on Prosperity, the same as Part 1 on Faith, is not meant to put down nor harm in any way those in the ‘Body of Christ’ for their beliefs. However, it is to help clarify any fine line that can be misconstrued , and cause confusion, strife, or envy with the rest of the Body.

May we all be willing to read and examine this Study Guide with an open mind and heart, and if necessary judge ourselves. (2 Corinthians 13:5 1 Corinthians 11:31,32)

This may help us to see if we are even slightly off in our “Doctrinal Foundation”, or perhaps causing our brethren to be led astray, because they might be following our Doctrine in a mistaken manner.

As we study this Guide, may it also help us to confirm, that our “Doctrinal Foundation” will not lead us to become conformed to the things of this world. (1 John 4:5)

This is the only way we will understand God’s Perfect Will for our life!

(See the Study Guide on ‘The Will of God’)

### **Romans 12:1-2**

- 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**
- 2 **And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

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# UNSOUND DOCTRINE

## PART 2

### THE IMPORTANT ERRORS IN THE DOCTRINE OF PROSPERITY

The Prosperity Doctrine, although not a False Doctrine, has more ‘Unsound Doctrine’ in it than the Faith Doctrine. This is because it can feed on the ‘lust of the flesh’. (Romans 13:14)

Although overemphasis on Faith can misguide us, too much ‘emphasis’ on Prosperity can lead us to covetousness, envy and greed. (Psalms 62:10)

The Prosperity Doctrine can also put us under the law. (Romans 7:7)

If we are not prosperous, we may feel guilty, and feel we need to do more works; or possibly to live more Godly in order to become prosperous. This can take our focus off of Jesus and His Will for our lives.

Soon we may start looking to people for the answers, instead of Jesus. Think bout it! Remember gain is not Godliness. (1 Timothy 6:5)

Gain can also come from the devil, in order to get our focus off of Jesus. Are you willing to determine if your Prosperity is from the devil and perhaps give up the gain? Be honest!

The Bible promises us as Christians that we are going to have and/or go through persecutions (Mark 10:29,30), tribulations (Acts 14:21,22), chastisements (Hebrews 12:5-8), and temptations (Luke 4:1 Hebrews 4:15).

Sometimes these problems can affect our jobs, finances, and families. If we focus on Prosperity, we can become confused and may blame everything on the devil, when actually, God may be allowing it to get through to us.

Also, if we always remain prosperous, we may think that we are in God’s Will when we actually may not be.

Remember this, the wicked can also be prosperous (Psalms 37:16 73:3,12). Therefore, Prosperity is a poor standard to use to judge whether you are in God’s Will. (Mark 10:23)

Sometimes Prosperity can actually be a detriment in our walk with Jesus, as we sometimes feel less need for Him. That is why the Apostle Paul said when I am weak, then I am strong (2 Corinthians 12:10).

When we have traveled to other countries, like the Philippines; we have seen how the Prosperity Doctrine doesn’t fit. It really only fits in America.

The poor people of these ‘third world countries’ have nothing, yet many of them love the Lord and are very happy. They don’t have much, but they are always willing to share it, and they seem to be satisfied with what they have. They depend entirely on the Lord for their substance and He always provides. (Psalms 37:25)

Yet in out terms this is not Prosperity!

In Revelation the Church in Smyrna was poor, yet it doesn't say if they will do certain things they will prosper. Instead it says 'hang in there'!

### **Rev 2:8-11**

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 **I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich)** and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10 **Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer:** behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; **and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death,** and I will give thee a crown of life.

11 **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;** He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

When we do get blessed abundantly, we are to share that with the poor and the needy, particularly those in the 'Body of Christ'.

God has shown us that in the Timothy II 'Work' of the Ministry, we are to be an 'umbilical cord' to the 'Body of Christ'; and instead of building new churches or ministries, we are to help those already started and that are in need. (2 Corinthians 8:19-24)

Maybe it is time to stop building church 'empires' and start servicing those that God has already built!

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## **WHAT IS PROSPERITY?**

### **The Dictionary says:**

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Prosperous: Successful, thriving.

### **The Bible says:**

#### **Ps 128:1-2**

- 1 **Blessed is every one that Feareth the Lord;** that walketh in his ways.  
 2 **For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.**

## **THE CONTINGENCIES THAT GO WITH PROSPERITY:**

#### **Job 36:10-11**

- 10 **He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth** that they return from iniquity.  
 11 **If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity,** and their years in pleasures.

#### **Prov 28:13**

13 **He that covereth his sins shall not prosper:** but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

#### **Ecl 7:14**

14 **In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other,** to the end that man should find nothing after him.

#### **Jer 22:21**

21 **I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear.** This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice.

## **HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PROSPEROUS CHURCH HEADING FOR TROUBLE:**

#### **Ezek 33:30-33**

30 Also, thou son of man, **the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses**, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord.

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and **they hear thy words, but they will not do them**: for with their mouth they shew much love, **but their heart goeth after their covetousness**.

32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: **for they hear thy words, but they do them not**.

33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

#### **Jer 5:26-28**

26 **For among my people are found wicked men**: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

27 **As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich**.

28 **They are waxen fat, they shine**: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: **they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge**.

## **THE PROSPERITY DOCTRINE CAN LEAD TO COVETOUSNESS:**

### **1. WHAT IS COVETOUSNESS?**

**The Dictionary says:**

Covet: To desire enviously that which belongs to another.

**The Bible says:**

Covetousness is idolatry.

#### **Eph 5:5**

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, **nor covetous man, who is an idolater**, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

#### **Col 3:5**

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, **and covetousness, which is idolatry**:

### **2. WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?**

#### **Mark 7:20-23**

20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 **For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed** evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, **covetousness**, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

### **3. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT COVETOUSNESS:**

#### **A. IN GENERAL:**

**Exod 20:17** Deut 5:21

17 **Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.**

**Ps 119:36**

36 **Incline my heart** unto thy testimonies, and **not to covetousness.**

**Prov 1:32**

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, **and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.**

**Prov 21:25-26**

25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26 **He coveteth greedily all the day long:** but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

**Jer 51:13**

13 You who live by many waters **and are rich in treasures, your end has come, the time for you to be cut off.**

#### **B. WARNINGS IN GENERAL:**

**Micah 2:1-3**

1 **Woe to them that devise iniquity,** and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 **And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses,** and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time is evil.

**Hab 2:9**

9 **Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!**

**Luke 12:15**

15 **And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.**

#### **C. IN THE CHURCH:**

**Isa 56:11**

11 **Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.**

**Jer 6:13**

13 **For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.**

**Luke 16:14**

14 **And the Pharisees also, who were covetous,** heard all these things: and they derided him.

#### **D. WARNINGS TO THE CHURCH:**

##### **Jer 8:10**

10 **Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.**

##### **Ezek 34:1-10**

1 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 **Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds** of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; **Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?**

3 **Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.**

4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

7 **Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;**

8 As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, **but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;**

9 **Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;**

10 **Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.**

##### **Micah 3:11-12**

11 **The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money:** yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us.

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

##### **Luke 16:13**

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

##### **1 Cor 5:9-13**

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, **or with the covetous,** or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 **But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.**

12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

13 But them that are without God judgeth. **Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.**

**1 Cor 6:9-11**

9 **Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived:** neither fornicators, **nor idolaters**, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,  
10 Nor thieves, **nor covetous**, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit the kingdom of God.**

11 **And such were some of you:** but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

**Eph 5:3**

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, **or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;**

**Eph 5:5-7**

5 **For this ye know,** that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, **nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**

6 **Let no man deceive you with vain words:** for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7 **Be not ye therefore partakers with them.**

#### **4. THE ANSWERS TO COVETOUSNESS:**

**Prov 28:16**

16 The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: **but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.**

**Luke 12:22-34**

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, **Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.**

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and **God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?**

25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 **If then God so clothe the grass,** which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; **how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?**

29 And **seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink,** neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 **But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

34 **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

**Acts 20:33-35**

33 **I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.**

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

## **PROSPERITY & COVETOUSNESS CAN ALSO LEAD TO GREED:**

**The Dictionary says:**

Greedy: Inordinately desirous, as of wealth.

**The Bible says:**

**Prov 1:10-19**

10 **My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.**

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

13 **We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:**

14 **Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:**

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

18 And they lay wait for their own blood; **they lurk privily for their own lives.**

19 **So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain;** which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

**Deut 8:11-14**

11 **Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God,** in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:

12 **Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses,** and dwelt therein;

13 **And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;**

14 **Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God,** which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

**Deut 8:17-18**

17 **And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.**

18 **But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth,** that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

**Prov 22:16**

16 **He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.**

**Prov 28:19-22**

19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but **he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.**

21 To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress.

22 **He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye,** and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

## **INSTEAD OF PROSPERITY (RICHES) WE NEED TO SEEK THE FOLLOWING:**

### **1. THE FEAR OF THE LORD:**

**Prov 22:4**

4 **By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches,** and honour, and life.

**Isa 33:6**

6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: **the fear of the Lord is his treasure.**

**Prov 8:13**

13 **The fear of the Lord is to hate evil:** pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

**Prov 9:10**

10 **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:** and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

### **2. WISDOM:**

**Prov 3:13-16**

13 **Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,** and the man that getteth understanding.

14 **For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.**

15 **She is more precious than rubies:** and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand; and **in her left hand riches and honour.**

**Prov 23:4-5**

4 **Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.**

5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? **for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.**

**Prov 24:3**

3 **Through wisdom is an house builded;** and by understanding it is established:

### **3. KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING:**

**Prov 2:2-5**

- 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and **apply thine heart to understanding;**  
 3 **Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;**  
 4 **If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;**  
 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

**Prov. 24:4**

- 4 **And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.**

### **4. TRUTH:**

**Prov 23:23**

- 23 **Buy the truth, and sell it not;** also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

**John 14:6**

- 6 **Jesus saith** unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

### **5. VIRTUE:**

**Prov 31:10**

- 10 **Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.**

### **6. A GOOD NAME:**

**Prov 22:1-2**

- 1 **A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.**  
 2 The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.

### **7. REPROACH FOR CHRIST:**

**Heb 11:26**

- 26 **Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures** in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

## **POVERTY IS THE OPPOSITE OF PROSPERITY:**

### **1. WHAT CAUSES POVERTY?**

**Prov 21:25-26**

- 25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; **for his hands refuse to labour.**  
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**Prov 23:20-21**

20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh:

21 **For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.**

**Prov 24:30-34**

30 I went by **the field of the slothful**, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And, lo, **it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.**

32 Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

33 **Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:**

34 **So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.**

**2. TO AVOID POVERTY WE MUST LEARN TO BE GIVERS:****Ps 37:21**

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but **the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.**

**Prov 3:9-10**

9 **Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:**

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

**Prov 19:17**

17 **He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord;** and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

**Prov 28:8**

8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, **he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.**

**Prov 28:27**

27 **He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack:** but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

**Mal 3:8-10**

8 **Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.**

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: **for ye have robbed me**, even this whole nation.

10 **Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse**, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

**1 Cor 16:1-2**

1 **Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches** of Galatia, even so do ye.

2 **Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him**, that there be no gatherings when I come.

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## **CHURCH LEADERS ARE NOT TO BE CONCERNED WITH PROSPERITY:**

**Exod 18:19-21**

19 **Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel,** and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people **able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:**

**1 Tim 3:2-3**

2 **A bishop then must be blameless,** the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 Not given to wine, no striker, **not greedy of filthy lucre;** but patient, not a brawler, **not covetous;**

**1 Tim 3:8**

8 **Likewise must the deacons** be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, **not greedy of filthy lucre;**

**Titus 1:7**

7 **For a bishop must be blameless**, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, **not given to filthy lucre**;

## **KNOW THIS - THAT IN THE LAST DAYS:**

### **Rom 1:21**

21 **Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful**; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

### **Rom 1:28-29**

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind**, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 **Being filled with** all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, **covetousness**, maliciousness; **full of envy**, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

### **2 Tim 3:1-2**

1 **This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.**

2 **For men shall be** lovers of their own selves, **covetous**, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

### **Titus 1:10-11**

10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, **teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.**

### **2 Pet 2:1-3**

1 But 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.

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

3 **And 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.

### **2 Pet 2:14-15**

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: **an heart they have exercised with covetous practices**; cursed children:

15 **Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam** the son of Bosor, **who loved the wages of unrighteousness**;

### **2 Pet 2:18-19**

18 **For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness**, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

19 **While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.**

### **Rev 2:12**

12 And to the angel of the church in **Pergamos** write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

### **Rev 2:14**

14 **But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

## **INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON PROSPERITY, WE NEED TO LEARN TO BE CONTENT:**

### **JESUS SAID:**

#### **Matt 6:19-34**

19 **Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth**, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, **Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on.** Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 **Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?**

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

#### **Luke 3:10-14**

10 And the **people** asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

11 He answereth and saith unto them, **He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.**

12 Then came also **publicans** to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

13 And he said unto them, **Exact no more than that which is appointed you.**

14 And the **soldiers** likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and **be content with your wages.**

### **PAUL SAID:**

**2 Cor 9:8**

8 **And God is able** to make all grace abound toward you; **that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things,** may abound to every good work:

**Phil 4:11-12**

11 Not that I speak in respect of want: **for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.**

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things **I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry,** both to abound and to suffer need.

**Heb 13:5-6**

5 **Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have:** for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

6 So that we may boldly say, **The Lord is my helper,** and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

## **THE GOOD NEWS IS:**

### **GOD SAYS:**

**Isa 57:14-21**

14 And shall say, **Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.**

15 **For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity,** whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 **For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth:** for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

18 **I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.**

19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; **and I will heal him.**

20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

## **OUR PRAYER IS:**

**3 Jn 1:2**

2 **Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.**

## **CONCLUSION:**

### **1 Tim 6:1-10**

1 **Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.**

2 **And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.**

3 **If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;**

4 **He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,**

5 **Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.**

6 **But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

7 **For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.**

8 **And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.**

9 **But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.**

10 **For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

## **FINAL CONCLUSION:**

### **1 Cor 3:10-11**

10 **According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.**

11 **For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

### **Eph 2:20-22**

20 **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

21 **In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:**

22 **In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

### **1 Cor 3:12-15**

12 **Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;**

13 **Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

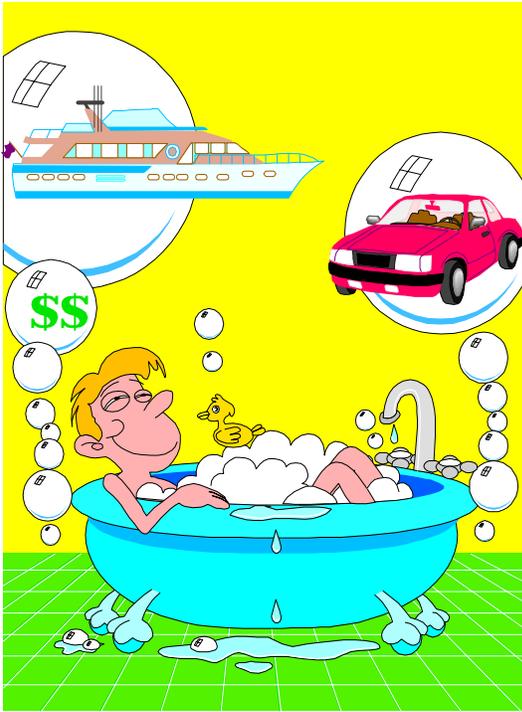
14 **If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.**

**15** If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

**AMEN!**  
**TIMOTHY II**

# UNSOOUND DOCTRINE

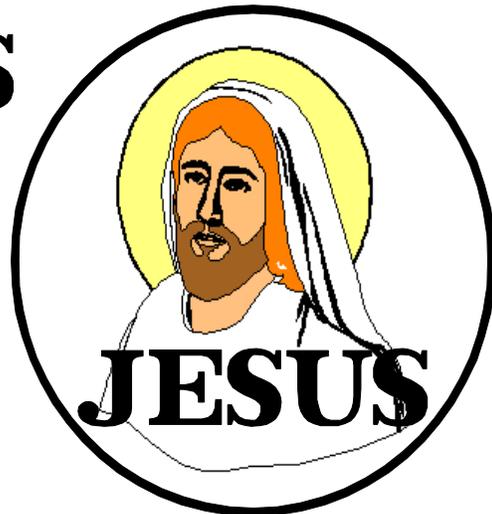
## PART 3



**FOCUS ON  
THINGS**

**"NAME IT" &  
"CLAIM IT"  
DOCTRINE**

**VS**



**FOCUS ON  
JESUS**

## INTRODUCTION:

As in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Study Guides on ‘Unsound Doctrine’, we pray that you will read this Study Guide in its entirety before you form an opinion. As in all the Study Guides, none of this information is meant to accuse or belittle anyone in the ‘Body of Christ’. It is an informative study, inspired by God the Holy Spirit, and meant for self-evaluation. Therefore, please do not judge it without prayer. (Isaiah 29:21 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

In the past, I have tried to “Name it and Claim it” for things that I felt I really needed, and yet it never worked for me. I tried several times and was never successful.

I always felt guilty because it seemed like I was ordering God around and telling Him what I wanted. After all, does the clay have power over the potter? (Isaiah 29:16, 45:9, 64:8 Jeremiah 18:6 Romans 9:21)

This whole Doctrine, although displaying a ‘type’ of faith, made me feel uncomfortable. It was like I would feel if I could have ordered my parents around when I was a child.

Of course, that is just what the youngsters of today are doing, so this Doctrine fits their patterns. However, I don’t believe according to the Scriptures, that this is God’s plan!

### **Isa 3:12-15**

12 As for my people, **children are their oppressors**, and women rule over them. O my people, **they which lead thee cause thee to err**, and destroy the way of thy paths.

13 The Lord standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The Lord will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; **the spoil of the poor is in your houses**.

15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, **and grind the faces of the poor?** saith the Lord God of hosts.

When I was young, I always felt like I needed something, and if I got it, I wanted something else. I was never satisfied.

Many times I didn’t get what I wanted, because my parents knew I didn’t need it. They knew it was either too expensive, it was not for me, or I might get hurt if I had it. They knew me better than I knew myself. Actually, there were times when I was glad I didn’t get what I wanted, but I wouldn’t let anyone know it. Many times when I didn’t get what I wanted, I would pout, because my focus was always on ‘ME’, and not on others!

God is our Father, and He too knows us better than we do ourselves. He also knows what is best for us. After all, He created us.

He expects us to focus on the needs of others and not on ourselves. (Galatians 5:2)

At the same time, He will provide for whatever we need. (Matthew 6:33)

As Timothy II, and a ‘Servant of the Lord’, I have come to “Fear the Lord”. (Isaiah 33:6)

Since He has given me a second chance in this world (See the Timothy II Testimony Tract), I wait upon Him for all my needs. I also am not concerned as much with my needs, because when you Serve others, you are more concerned about ‘their’ needs.

## **THE BIBLE WARNS US:**

### **Jer 5:23-31**

23 But **this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart;** they are revolted and gone.

24 **Neither say they in their heart, Let us now 'Fear the Lord' our God,** that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 **Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.**

29 **Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation (Church) as this?**

30 A wonderful **and horrible thing is committed in the land;**

31 **The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?**

Therefore, let us as the 'Body of Christ' focus on others and not worry about "Naming or Claiming" anything for ourselves. Let us put our trust in the Lord, and know that He will meet all our needs.

**TIMOTHY II**

# UN SOUND DOCTRINE

## PART 3

### ERRORS IN THE DOCTRINE OF “NAME IT AND CLAIM IT”

Although it is true that when we ask for something from the Lord, we must have the Faith that we are going to receive it. It is also true that under certain circumstances, God has promised us the things that we ask from Him.

**Matt 7:7-11    Luke 11:9-13**

- 7        Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:  
8        For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.  
9        Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?  
10       Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?  
11       If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

**John 14:13-14**

- 13       And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.  
14       If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

However, we still should not ‘Demand’ what we desire from God, because with these promises come many ‘contingencies’. Also, we must look at what the Scriptures are talking about and not take them out of context or use them by themselves.

We must therefore look at ‘all’ the Scriptures before we can take ‘A’ truth and build a “Doctrinal Foundation” on it.

To ‘Demand’ things from God by “Naming it and Claiming it”, also takes away His Sovereignty and puts Him under the law.

Before asking God for anything, let alone “Naming and Claiming” it, we need to examine the following areas according to what the Bible says, not man!

## IS GOD SOVEREIGN?

**Isa 55:8-9**

- 8        **For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.**  
9        **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**Ezek 18:25**

25 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

## **DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT MOTIVES WHEN ASKING GOD FOR THINGS?**

Such as Solomon:

### **IKing 3:5,6**

5 In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, **Ask what I shall give thee.**

6 **And Solomon said,** Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

### **IKing 3:9-14**

9 **Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad:** for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 **And the speech pleased the Lord,** that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 **And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;**

12 **Behold, I have done according to thy words:** lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 **And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour:** so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

## **DO WE NEED WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR?**

### **Mark 10:37-40**

37 **They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.**

38 **But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask:** can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.

## **WHAT IS BEST FOR US?**

**1 Cor 10:23**

23 **All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient:** all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

**IS IT THE RIGHT TIMING?****Job 8:7**

7 Though thy beginning was small, yet **thy latter end should greatly increase.**

**Zech 4:9-10**

9 **The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it;** and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 **For who hath despised the day of small things?** for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

**Acts 5:38-39**

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: **for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:**

39 **But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it;** lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

**ARE WE IN GOD'S WILL?****Eph 5:17**

17 **Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.**

**Rom 12:1-2**

1 **I beseech you therefore, brethren,** by the mercies of God, **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,** holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 **And be not conformed to this world:** but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

**I Jn 5:14-15**

14 **And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

15 **And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.**

**IS GOD HEARING US?****John 9:31**

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but **if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.**

**1 Pet 3:12**

12 **For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.**

## **WHAT WILL WE DO WITH IT ONCE WE GET IT?**

We may want more:

**1 Tim 6:9-11**

9 **But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.**

10 **For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

11 **But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.**

## **IF WE GET WHAT WE WANT - IS IT FROM GOD, THE FLESH, OR SATAN?**

### **1. IS IT FROM GOD?**

**James 1:17**

17 **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.**

#### **A. WE WILL KNOW BY THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

**I Jn 3:24**

24 **And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.**

### **2. IS IT THE FLESH?**

**Gal 5:16,17**

16 **This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

17 **For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.**

**Gal 6:8**

8 **For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**

### **3. IS IT SATAN?**

#### **A. JESUS WAS TEMPTED BY SATAN, BUT DIDN,T GIVE IN:**

Luke 4:1-13

- 1 And **Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost** returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
- 2 **Being forty days tempted of the devil.** And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.
- 3 And the devil said unto him, **If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.**
- 4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.
- 5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- 6 **And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.**
- 7 **If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.**
- 8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.
- 9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, **If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:**

### **B. THE DEVIL EVEN QUOTES SCRIPTURE!**

- 10 **For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:**
- 11 **And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.**
- 12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
- 13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

### **C. BUT ANANIAS DID GIVE IN:**

Acts 5:3

- 3 But Peter said, **Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?**

2 Cor 11:14

- 14 **And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

## **CONTINGENCIES THAT GO WITH OUR REQUESTS TO GOD:**

### **1. DO YOUR DEEDS IN SECRET:**

Matt 6:3-4

- 3 **But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:**

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

## **2. PRAY IN SECRET:**

**Matt 6:6**

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, **pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.**

## **3. DON'T USE REPETITIOUS PRAYER:**

**Matt 6:7-8**

7 **But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions,** as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: **for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.**

## **4. FORGIVE:**

**Matt 6:14-15 Mark 11:25,26**

14 **For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:**

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

## **5. FASTING:**

**Matt 6:17-18**

17 **But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;**

18 **That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.**

## **6. SEEK GOD'S KINGDOM:**

**Matt 6:33 Luke 12:31**

33 **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

## **7. HAVE FAITH:**

**Matt 21:21 Mark 11:22-24**

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, **If ye have faith, and doubt not,** ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

## **8. BELIEVE:**

**Matt 21:22**

22 **And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.**

### **9. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES:**

**Luke 6:35**

35 **But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.**

### **10. GIVE:**

**Luke 6:38**

38 **Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.**

### **11. SERVE THE LORD:**

**John 12:26**

26 **If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.**

### **12. ABIDE IN THE LORD:**

**John 15:7**

7 **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

### **13. KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS:**

**I Jn 3:22-23**

22 **And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.**

23 **And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.**

## **ASKING OR REQUESTING OF GOD WITH THE WRONG MOTIVES:**

**James 4:1-8**

1 **From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?**

2 **Ye lust, and have not:** ye kill, and desire to have, **and cannot obtain:** ye fight and war, **yet ye have not, because ye ask not.**

3 **Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.**

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, **know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, **The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?**

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil,** and he will flee from you.

8 **Draw nigh to God,** and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

**James 4:10**

10 **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,** and he shall lift you up.

**James 4:13-15**

13 Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 **Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow.** For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 **For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.**

**James 1:13-15**

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 **But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.**

15 **Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin:** and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

## GOING TO EGYPT:

In the Old Testament, when the Jews were in need of something, and didn't get it from God; many times they would turn to man or the flesh (Egypt) for help. Then God would punish them, usually by sending them into captivity.

As Christians and/or the Church, sometimes we too will turn to the flesh (Egypt) to get what we want, when we don't receive it from God. This can be just as disastrous because then we are putting our faith in man and not in God. If we get what we want, man gets the credit and not God.

This will lead us to trust in man for our needs and not God.

**II Ki 18:21**

21 Now, behold, **thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt (flesh),** on which if a man lean, **it will go into his hand, and pierce it:** so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

**Jer 2:18-19**

18 **And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt (flesh),** to drink the waters of Sihor? **or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria (satan),** to drink the waters of the river?

19 **Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee:** know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, **that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts.**

**Hosea 7:8-16**

8 Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek him for all this.

11 **Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt (flesh), they go to Assyria (satan).**

12 **When they shall go,** I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; **I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.**

13 **Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me:** though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

14 **And they have not cried unto me with their heart,** when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, **and they rebel against me.**

15 Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me.

16 **They return, but not to the most High:** they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: **this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt (the flesh).**

## **EXAMPLES OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT, EVEN WHEN YOU ARE NOT IN GOD'S WILL:**

Moses smote the rock twice and got the water he wanted, but God told him to ‘speak’ to the rock! The results were he did not get to go into the promised land!

What ‘price’ might we pay?

**Num 20:7-12**

7 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

8 **Take the rod,** and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, **and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water,** and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 **And Moses took the rod** from before the Lord, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, **and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?**

11 **And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly,** and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

12 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, **Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.**

## **THE JEWS LUSTED AFTER MEAT AND DEMANDED IT FROM GOD:**

They got it - but paid the price!

### **Ps 78:18-31**

18 **And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.**  
 19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?  
 20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? **can he provide flesh for his people?**  
 21 **Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth:** so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;  
 22 **Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:**  
 23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,  
 24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.  
 25 Man did eat angels food: **he sent them meat to the full.**  
 26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.  
 27 **He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:**  
 28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.  
 29 **So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;**  
 30 **They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths,**  
 31 **The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.**

So be careful what you “Name and Claim” - you might get it!!

## **OTHER WARNINGS:**

### **1. TO INDIVIDUALS:**

#### **Luke 8:18**

18 **Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.**

#### **Phil 3:18-20**

18 **(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**

19 **Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)**

20 **For our conversation is in heaven;** from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

#### **Col 2:8**

8 **Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**

**1 Pet 1:17-19**

17 **And if ye call on the Father**, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, **pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:**

18 **Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things**, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 **But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**

**1 Pet 2:11**

11 **Dearly beloved**, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;**

**I Jn 4:5-6**

5 **They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world**, and the world heareth them.

6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

**2. TO THE CHURCH:****Rev 3:14-19**

14 **And unto the angel (Pastor/Priest) of the church of the Laodiceans write;** These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 **Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:**

18 **I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.**

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: **be zealous therefore, and repent.**

**THE GOOD NEWS:****John 15:14-16**

14 **Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.**

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.**

**John 16:23-24**

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.**

24 **Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

**Phil 2:13**

13 **For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**

## **THE CHURCH'S ROLE ON REQUESTS MADE TO GOD:**

### **Matt 16:18-19**

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

19 **And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

### **Matt 18:18-20**

18 Verily I say unto you, **Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

19 Again I say unto you, **That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

20 **For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**

## **CONCLUSION:**

We really don't need to "Name it and Claim it" when we ask or make known our requests to God. If we are being 'led' of the Spirit, we are in God's Will, and He will give us the desires of our heart. That is because it will be for the right motives.

### **1 Cor 2:12-16**

12 **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**

13 **Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.**

### **Phil 4:6-7**

6 **Be careful (anxious) for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

7 **And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

### **Heb 3:14-16**

14 **For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

15 While it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

### **Eph 3:20-21**

- 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,  
21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

**TIMOTHY II**

# UNSOUND DOCTRINE

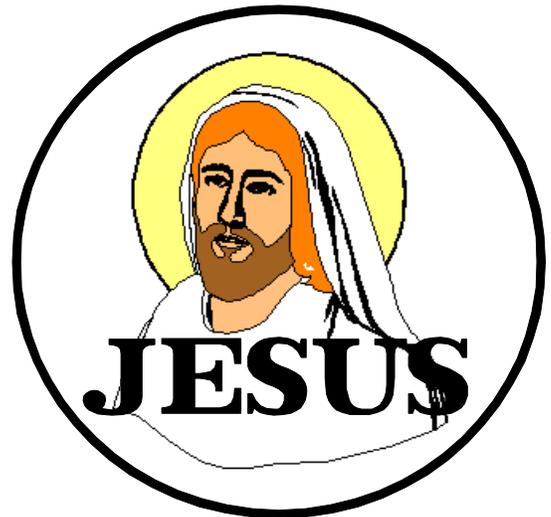
## PART 4

### THE DOCTRINE OF "CHEAP GRACE"



**FOCUS ON SIN**

**VS**



**FOCUS ON JESUS**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

“Cheap Grace” is a slang term that is used by some to describe the over-simplified and sometimes misuse of the explanation of ‘God’s Grace’ unto Salvation.

This is obviously not a good term to use because nothing that God does is cheap; especially allowing the death of His Son, which He has provided to pardon us from all our sins.

The reference here, however, is not about what God has done, but how ‘man’ has ‘cheapened’ ‘God’s Grace’ for Salvation. This is by saying that everyone that supposedly receives it, no matter how they live after that, will never lose it. Therefore, the term “Cheap Grace” means ‘man’ has ‘cheapened’ ‘God’s Grace’ for Salvation through the use of ‘Unsound Doctrine’.

This Study Guide is meant to restore ‘Holiness’ to the “Doctrine of Salvation by Grace”, that has mostly disappeared from the church. This is because of our leniency in America, and our disappearing beliefs in justice, judgement, discipline, accountability, proof of beliefs by our life style, and of God’s Wrath.

The purpose of this Study Guide is also to help us to take our focus off of what we can get away with (sin); and instead, to focus in on what our responsibilities are once we get Saved.

Many are teaching in the church today that once you pray the ‘sinner’s prayer’ you are Saved, no matter what lifestyle you lead after that. They never take into consideration that the person may not have meant it in her/his heart, or that Satan took it away.

This is the Doctrine of “Cheap Grace”, and although it borders on ‘False Doctrine’, we will call it ‘Unsound Doctrine’; because there are so many variables that need to be taken into consideration.

Some of these variables are:

1. Is the person really Saved? Even if they invite Christ into their hearts?

The ‘Parable of the Sower’ says:

(Matthew 13:18, 19 Mark 4:14, 15 Luke 8:12)

2. True Christians are known by their ‘fruits’: False ones too!

(Matthew 7:15-20 Luke 8:14, 15 John 15:2, 4, 5, 8, 16 Colossians 1:10)

3. Can we be ‘Saved’ and still live in sin?

(Romans 6:1, 2)

4. Can unbelievers ‘appear’ to have the ‘Gifts of the Spirit’?

(Matthew 7:22)

5. Are less people Saved than we think?

(Matthew 7:13, 14 Luke 13:23, 24)

6. Can we lose our Salvation once we receive it?

( Hebrews 6:4-6 2 Peter 2:20-22)

In this Study Guide we will not go into the age old argument of “once Saved always Saved”. Rather than continue with that argument, we will pronounce through the Scriptures that the Doctrine of “Cheap Grace” is ‘Unsound Doctrine’, and just because someone prays the ‘sinner’s prayer’, doesn’t mean that they are Saved!

Many in the church today are continuing to live in sin, because they are not being challenged in the pulpit about their lifestyles. By challenging them about their Salvation, ‘because’ of their lifestyle, we can achieve two results:

1. They may ‘truly’ get Saved.
2. They will do something about their lifestyle.

Both of these are positive results; whereas, this is what is happening today as a result of this ‘Unsound Doctrine’ of “Cheap Grace”.

1. People are not being ‘challenged’ about their living in ‘sin’.
2. People that ‘are’ Saved are heading for a ‘fall’.
3. Those that are ‘not Saved’ are going to ‘HELL’.

What will it be like when the ‘Translation of the Church’ takes place, if the Pastor/Priest goes to Heaven, and ‘half’ to ‘two-thirds’ of their congregation is left behind!!

(1 Cor. 15:51, 52 2 Thess. 2:3)

Remember, in the Parable of the ‘Ten Virgins’, ‘half’ were left behind! (Matthew 25:1, 2)

Today in America we live in a ‘false belief’ that billions of people are going to be Saved in these last days. I believe these estimates have been grossly exaggerated.

The Bible teaches that the ‘Word’ must go forth throughout the world, before Jesus comes again (Mark 13:10), but it doesn’t say that ‘most’ will be Saved.

I believe that just like ‘Israel’ in the Bible, the church will only have a ‘Remnant’ that will be Saved. (Isaiah 10:20-22 11:16 Romans 9:27 11:5)

What is a Remnant? According to Zechariah, a ‘Remnant’ is a third! (Zechariah 13:8, 9)

Am I saying that only about a ‘third’ of the Church is Saved? Yes!

If this is true, than our churches can be one of the ‘best places’ to preach the Gospel.

The only way we can ‘prove’ when people are ‘truly’ hearing the Word of God, is if they ‘do’ what they hear, and by their ‘actions’. (Ezekiel 33:31, 32 James 1:22)

Today there are ‘False Prophets’ and ‘Prophetesses’ going church to church speaking of a revival without ‘true repentance’, without making God our ‘Lord’ as well as our Savior, and that are promising life to the wicked. (Jeremiah 23:14, 16, 17 Ezekiel 13:7, 22).

There are Pastors/Priests too, that have taught this Doctrine of Salvation without ‘true repentance’, thus ‘cheapening’ the ‘Doctrine of Grace’. (Isaiah 5:20, 23 Jeremiah 23:11, 1, 2, 22 Ezekiel 22:26)

Because of this, the Lord is raising up ‘new’ Pastors/Priests before He comes. (Jeremiah 23:3, 4)

However, those Pastors/Priests that have ‘kept’ the ‘true’ ‘Word of the Lord’ will be allowed to continue to minister. (Ezekiel 44:15, 16, 23)

Finally, this Study Guide instead of looking at all of the Scriptures about our Salvation, will look at all of the Scriptures that ‘question’ our Salvation, that are rarely mentioned in the pulpit.

**TIMOTHY II**

# UNSOUND DOCTRINE

## PART 4

### ERRORS IN THE DOCTRINE OF “CHEAP GRACE”

In order to more fully understand what is meant by “**Cheap Grace**”, we must first understand what ‘Grace’ is.

**The Dictionary says:**

**Grace:** implies spontaneous favor; mercy, compassionate treatment of the suffering.

**The Bible says:**

**John 1:14**

14 **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

**John 1:17**

17 For the law was given by Moses, **but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**

The Bible teaches that there is a variation of Gifts for the Ministry through ‘God’s Grace’ for different persons. For example:

The ‘Grace’ to receive the ‘Charisma Gifts’ of the Spirit.

**Rom 12:6**

6 Having then **gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us**, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

The ‘Grace’ to receive the ‘Doma Gifts’ of Jesus.

**Eph 4:7-8**

7 **But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.**

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and **gave gifts unto men.**

And the ‘Grace’ to be put in the ‘Ministry’.

**Eph 3:7**

7 **Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God** given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

## GRACE UNTO SALVATION:

The ‘Grace’ that we are concerned with in this ‘Study Guide’, however, is not the ‘Grace’ for the ‘Gifts of the Ministry’, but the ‘Gift of Grace unto Salvation’.

The most widely used verses about ‘Grace’ (Eph. 2:8, 9), teaches us that we are Saved by ‘Grace’ through Faith and not of ‘works’. These verses definitely show that we cannot ‘work’ for our Salvation, otherwise we would be just like the cults, that have to ‘earn’ their Salvation. However, we sometimes ‘under-emphasize’ the point about ‘works’, by teaching that we don’t have to do anything before OR after our Salvation. This causes a lot of harm because not enough explanation is given with this teaching. Many people take this to mean that as long as we can’t earn our Salvation, and we can never lose it; then we don’t have to change or do anything different after we receive it. This is what we call the ‘Doctrine’ of “Cheap Grace”.

### **Eph 2:8, 9**

8 **For by grace are ye saved** through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:  
9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

## GOOD WORKS:

One of the things that is left out of this ‘Doctrine’ is that along with our Salvation will come a ‘desire’ to do ‘good works’. This is one of the proofs that you are ‘truly’ Saved.

### **Eph 2:10**

10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto ‘good works’**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

### **Titus 2:7**

7 In all things **shewing thyself a pattern of ‘good works’**: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

### **Titus 2:14**

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a **‘peculiar people’, zealous of ‘good works’**.

### **Titus 3:8**

8 This is a faithful saying, and these things **I will that thou ‘affirm constantly’, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain ‘good works’**. These things are good and profitable unto men.

### **Titus 3:14**

14 **And let ours also learn to maintain ‘good works’ for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.**

## GRACE TEACHES US NOT TO DO WRONG:

The same ‘Grace’ that gives us a desire to do ‘good works’, also ‘teaches’ us not to do wrong, and how we should live in this present world. This is another proof that you are ‘truly’ Saved.

**Titus 2:11-12**

11 For the 'grace' of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,  
 12 'Teaching' us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

## **WE CANNOT TAKE GRACE FOR GRANTED:**

"Cheap Grace" tends to give believers a false pride; whereas, the Bible teaches that 'True believers' do not take 'Grace' for granted.

**1 Pet 4:18**

18 And if the righteous 'scarcely' be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

**Luke 21:36**

36 'Watch' ye therefore, and 'pray always', that ye may be 'accounted worthy' to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

**Matt 10:28**

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather 'fear Him' which is able to destroy both soul and body in 'hell'.

## **CAN WE KEEP SINNING IN THE CHURCH AND BE SAVED?**

Don't trust in the "Cheap Grace" 'Doctrine'!

**Jer 7:8-11**

8 Behold, ye trust in 'lying words', that cannot profit.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are 'delivered' to do all these abominations?

11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord.

**Jer 7:1-7**

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord.

3 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Amend' your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

4 Trust ye not in 'lying words', saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these.

5 For if ye 'thoroughly amend' your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

7 **Then will I cause you to dwell in this place**, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

An example:

**Jer 7:12-15**

12 **But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.**

13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, **but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;**

14 **Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.**

15 **And ‘I will cast you out of my sight’, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.**

## **THOSE THAT THE BIBLE SAYS ARE ‘NOT’ GOING TO HEAVEN:**

Those that are ‘living in the flesh’:

**Gal 5:19-21**

19 **Now the ‘works of the flesh’ are manifest, which are these;** Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: **of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that ‘they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God’.**

Including those that are called ‘saints’!

**Eph 5:3-7**

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, **let it not be ‘once’ named among you, as becometh ‘saints’;**

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

5 **‘For this ye know’,** that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, **‘hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God’.**

6 **‘Let no man deceive you with vain words’: for because of these things cometh the ‘wrath of God’ upon the ‘children of disobedience’.**

7 **Be not ye therefore partakers with them.**

And those that ‘worship other gods’:

**Zeph 1:4-7**

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and **I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place**, and the name of the Chemarims **with the priests**;  
 5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship **‘and that swear by the Lord’, and that swear** by Malcham;

And ‘all’ transgressors and sinners:

6 **And them ‘that are turned back from the Lord’; and those ‘that have not sought the Lord’, ‘nor inquired for him’.**

## **THOSE THAT ARE JUST FOOLING THEMSELVES:**

These are the **‘Lord Lord’** crowd!

Some believe they are Saved because they think they are functioning in the ‘Gifts of the Spirit’!

### **Matt 7:21-23**

21 **Not every one** that saith unto me, **‘Lord, Lord’**, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**

22 **‘Many’** will say to me in that day, **‘Lord, Lord’, have we not prophesied** in thy name? and in thy name have **cast out devils? and** in thy name **done many wonderful works?**

23 And then will I profess unto them, **‘I never knew you’**: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

In the Parable of the ‘Ten Virgins’ (Christians):

They were all identified by the same ‘title’!

### **Matt 25:1-12**

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto **‘ten virgins’**, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 **And ‘five’ of them were wise, and ‘five’ were foolish.**

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 **But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.**

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 **Then ‘all’ those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.**

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: **and the door was shut.**

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, **‘Lord, Lord’, open to us.**

12 But he answered and said, **Verily I say unto you, ‘I know you not’.**

### **Luke 6:46-49**

46 **And why call ye me, ‘Lord, Lord’, and ‘do not the things which I say’?**

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

49 **But 'he that heareth, and doeth not', is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.**

In the 'Parable of the Sower', only one person that 'hears' the Word and 'receives' it, 'bears fruit'! However, some that have the 'Doctrine' of "Cheap Grace", believe that 'three' out of the four that hear the Word are Saved, and that two are just 'backslidden'.

#### **Luke 8:11-15**

11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the 'Word of God'.**

12 Those by the way side are **they that hear; then cometh the devil, and 'taketh away the word out of their hearts', 'lest they should believe and be saved'.**

13 They on the rock are they, which, **when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root,** which for a while believe, **and in time of temptation 'fall away'.**

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, **when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and 'bring no fruit to perfection'.**

15 But that on the **good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, 'keep it', and 'bring forth fruit' with patience.**

#### **Luke 8:18**

18 **Take heed therefore how ye hear:** for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, **from him shall be taken even that which he 'seemeth' to have.**

In this next Parable, 'all' are called Servants (Christians) like the Ten Virgins! Jesus calls them stewards! The warning is to 'all' the Servants, about those that stopped watching for the Lord's return, and began fighting, and became gluttonous and drunken.

#### **Luke 12:41-46 Matthew 24:45-51**

41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, **speakest thou this parable unto us, or 'even to all'?**

42 And the Lord said, **'Who then is that faithful and wise steward',** whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

43 **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 **But and if that servant say in his heart, 'My lord delayeth his coming';** and shall **begin to 'beat' the menservants and maidens, and 'to eat' and drink, and to be 'drunken';**

46 **The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him,** and at an hour when he is not aware, **and 'will cut him in sunder', and 'will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers'.**

Are there '**few**' that will be saved?

#### **Luke 13:23-29**

23 Then said one unto him, **'Lord, are there few that be saved'?** And he said unto them,

24 **Strive to enter in at the ‘strait gate’: for ‘many’, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and ‘shall not be able’.**

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, ‘**Lord, Lord**’, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, **I know you not whence ye are:**

26 Then shall ye begin to say, ‘**We have eaten and drunk in thy presence**’, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But he shall say, I tell you, **I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.**

28 **There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth**, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

## **THOSE THAT KNOW THE WILL OF GOD BUT DON’T DO IT, MAKE THEMSELVES ‘TRANSGRESSORS’:**

**Gal 2:17-18**

17 **But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners**, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

18 **For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a ‘transgressor’.**

**James 2:9**

9 **But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as ‘transgressors’.**

**I Jn 3:4**

4 **Whosoever committeth sin ‘transgresseth’ also the law: for sin is the ‘transgression’ of the law.**

Thus when we transgress, we put ourselves back under the law.

**Gal 5:4**

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, **whosoever of you are justified by the law; ‘ye are fallen from grace’.**

**II Jn 1:9**

9 **Whosoever ‘transgresseth’, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.** He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Notice - Transgressors **and** Sinners!

**Isa 1:28**

28 **And the destruction of the ‘transgressors’ ‘and’ of the sinners shall be ‘together’, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed.**

**Ps 37:38**

38 **But the ‘transgressors’ shall be destroyed together:** the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

If we as individuals, will get our act together, we can help to save the ‘Trangressors’ in church, as well as going to the streets to help save the Sinners.

**Ps 51:10-13**

- 10 **Create in me a clean heart**, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.  
 11 **Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.**  
 12 **Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;** and uphold me with thy free spirit.  
 13 **Then will I teach ‘transgressors’ thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**

## **THE GREAT AND MOSTLY IGNORED “IF’S” OF THE BIBLE DEALING WITH SALVATION:**

There are many contingencies called ‘Ifs’ in the Bible dealing with Salvation. These are mostly ignored in the churches, because it brings too much controversy about whether we are really Saved. However, I would rather question people’s Salvation then to let them go on thinking they are Saved, when they may not be.

**John 8:31-32**

- 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **‘If’ ye continue in my word**, then are ye my disciples indeed;  
 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**John 14:23**

- 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **‘If’ a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

**John 15:6**

- 6 **‘If’ a man abide not in me**, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

**John 15:10**

- 10 **‘If’ ye keep my commandments**, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

**John 15:14**

- 14 Ye are my friends, **‘If’ ye do whatsoever I command you.**

**John 15:19**

- 19 **‘If’ ye were of the world**, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

**Rom 11:20-22**

- 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

- 21 For **‘If’ God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.**

- 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **‘If’ thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.**

**Col 1:21-23**

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

23 **‘If’ ye continue in the faith grounded and settled**, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

**Heb 3:14-15**

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, **‘If’ we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

15 While it is said, To day **‘If’ ye will hear his voice**, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

**Heb 6:4-6**

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

6 **‘If’ they shall fall away**, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

**Heb 10:26**

26 For **‘If’ we sin wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

**Heb 10:29**

29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

**Heb 10:31**

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

**I Jn 1:6-10**

6 **‘If’ we say that we have fellowship with him**, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But **‘If’ we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 **‘If’ we say that we have no sin**, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 **‘If’ we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 **‘If’ we say that we have not sinned**, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**I Jn 2:15**

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. **‘If’ any man love the world**, the love of the Father is not in him.

**I Jn 2:24**

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. **‘If’ that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you**, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

**I Jn 4:20**

20 **‘If’ a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar:** for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

## **BACKSLIDING:**

How do we know if we have ‘backslidden’ in our heart?

### **Prov 14:14**

14 **The ‘backslider’ in heart shall be ‘filled with his own ways’:** and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

It is going to cost you:

### **Jer 2:19**

19 **Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy ‘backslidings’ shall reprove thee:** know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts.

Those that don’t care:

### **Jer 7:24**

24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, **and went ‘backward’, and not forward.**

The ‘perpetual backslider’:

### **Jer 8:5-6**

5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a **‘perpetual backsliding’?** they hold fast deceit, **they ‘refuse to return’.**

When we ‘backslide’ we need to Repent.

6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: **no man ‘repented him of his wickedness’,** saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

If you don’t, God will divorce you:

### **Jer 3:8**

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby **‘backsliding’ Israel** committed adultery I had put her away, **and given her a ‘bill of divorce’;** yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

He will eventually destroy you when He gets weary of Repenting:

### **Jer 15:6**

6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the Lord, **thou art gone ‘backward’**: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; **‘I am weary with repenting’**.

The Good News if we ‘Repent’:

**Hosea 14:4**

4 **I will heal their ‘backsliding’**, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

**Jer 3:12-15**

12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, **‘Return’, thou ‘backsliding’ Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you:** for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever.

13 **Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God,** and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, **and ye have not obeyed my voice,** saith the Lord.

14 **‘Turn’, O ‘backsliding’ children,** saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

15 **And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.**

## **CONCLUSION: WARNINGS**

God will reach a point of no longer purging you, and the scary part is this may be when everything may appear to be going fine:

**Ezek 24:13**

13 In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, **thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more,** till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

**Rev 3:14**

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

**Rev 3:16**

16 **So then because thou art lukewarm,** and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

**Rev 3:19**

19 **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and ‘Repent’.**

We can’t continue to do what the wicked do:

**Ezek 18:23-24**

23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should **return from his ways, and live?**

24 **But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live?** All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and **in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.**

Therefore, Repent:

**Ezek 18:30-32**

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God.

**Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions;** so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 **Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed;** and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore **turn yourselves,** and live ye.

We can weary the Lord by saying that every one is good, and the Lord delights in them!

**Mal 2:17**

17 **Ye have wearied the Lord with your words.** Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? **When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them;** or, Where is the God of judgment?

The role of the “Apostle/Messenger”:

**Mal 3:1**

1 **Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me:** and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

Unbelief:

**Heb 3:7**

7 Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice,

**Heb 3:12-13**

12 **Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief,** in departing from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; **lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

## **CONCLUSION: THE GOOD NEWS**

**Heb 6:9-11**

9 **But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and ‘things that accompany salvation’, though we thus speak.**

10 **For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ‘ministered to the saints’, and do minister.**

11 **And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the ‘full assurance of hope unto the end’:**

**Micah 7:18**

18 **Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the ‘transgression’ of the ‘remnant’ of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.**

**I Jn 3:19-21**

19 **And ‘hereby we know that we are of the truth’,** and shall assure our hearts before him.

20 **For if our heart condemn us, ‘God is greater than our heart’,** and knoweth all things.

21 **Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.**

**I Jn 3:24**

24 **And ‘he that keepeth his commandments’ dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, ‘by the Spirit’ which he hath given us.**

**I Jn 4:12-13**

12 **No man hath seen God at any time. ‘If we love one another’, God dwelleth in us,** and his love is perfected in us.

13 **Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because ‘he hath given us of his Spirit’.**

**Our Final Prayer:****Heb 13:20-25**

20 **Now the God of peace,** that brought again from the dead **our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,** through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 **Make you perfect in every good work to do his will,** working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, **through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Final Statement:**

22 **And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation:** for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

23 **Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty;** with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

24 **Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints.** They of Italy salute you.

25 **Grace be with you all. Amen.**

**IN HIS LOVE**

**TIMOTHY II**

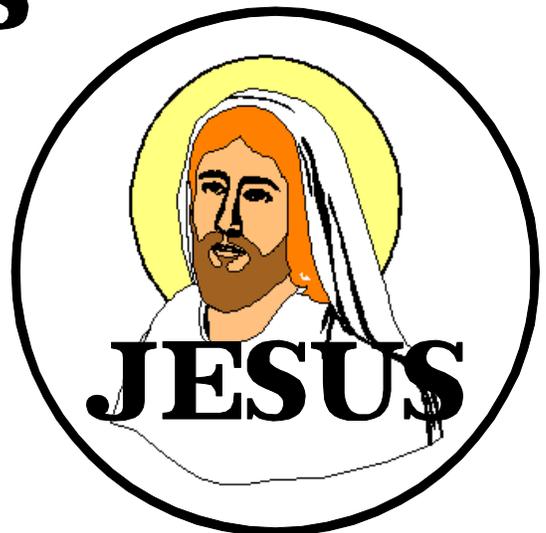
# **UNSOUND DOCTRINE**

## **PART 5**

**"FOCUS ON  
THE FAMILY"**

**VS**

**FOCUS ON FAMILY**



**FOCUS ON JESUS**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

In these troubled times, especially in America, it seems that “Focusing on the Family” is one of the best things we can do.

In fact, to go against this Doctrine, would almost seem like heresy. (Acts 24:14)

It is true that one of the major causes of our problems with gangs and teenage violence, is the lack of the role of the father, and the breakup of the family. However, it is not man that is going to resolve these problems, but God. God is going to restore the ‘hearts of the fathers’ to the children to ‘make ready a people prepared for the Lord’. He is going to send His “Apostles/Messengers” to do this in the ‘Spirit and Power’ of Elijah. (Malachi 4:5, 6 Luke 1:17)

With the problems of teenage pregnancies, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, etc.; there is a need today for ‘family values’. Everyone is offering their advice on what that is.

This is why we can’t throw in with the rest of the world and become a part of them.

“Focusing on the Family”, even though it has a lot of truth in it, still takes our ‘focus’ off of ‘Jesus’, who is the answer to ‘ALL’ of the ‘family problems’.

The Mormon church also “Focuses on the Family”, because they know that this is what attracts people. First you draw them in through the family, then you can give them your Doctrine. That is why we must be careful not to “Focus on the Family” ‘first’, but on ‘Jesus’ ‘first’.

Doctrine about the ‘family’ is good, but is it of the Lord? Nowhere in the Bible can you find that we should offer some other Doctrine before we offer Jesus.

The reasoning by one group that ‘focuses on the family’ first, and then tries to Evangelize, is that our society is too complex today, and ‘spiritually confused’. They believe that people do not fear Hell, God, nor right or wrong. Therefore, it is much tougher to reach people today, than in the old days, when they were able to reach them through ‘preaching’.

It is said, that in this new ‘godless’ environment, we need to develop ‘new strategies’ to reach the world for Christ. This is done through ‘so called’ practical advice and counsel. This counsel and advice is obviously done through the use of ‘psychology’. This means that people’s first exposure to Jesus is through ‘psychology’, not the ‘Gospel’.

This leaves out ‘God the Father’, who draws man to Jesus (John 6:44), and the ‘Holy Spirit’, the third person of the Godhead, who is the Spirit of Truth! (John 15:26 16:13)

Because there is no ‘Power’ without the ‘Holy Spirit’; there is the need to turn to man’s wisdom (psychology) for the answers. (1 Corinthians 2:1-13)

Those “Focusing on the Family”, say that they want to ‘cooperate’ with the ‘Holy Spirit’, in order to get the ‘Gospel of Jesus Christ’ out to as many people as possible. They mean to accomplish that objective by helping to preserve ‘traditional values’ and the ‘institution of the family’.

We are told in the Bible that we are to be ‘led’ by God the ‘Holy Spirit’, not ‘cooperate’ with Him. (Romans 8:1, 4, 14)

This lack of understanding of God the ‘Holy Spirit’, leaves these people without any ‘Power’.

If we are ‘led’ of the ‘Holy Spirit’, we will have the ‘Power’ to solve ‘ALL’ of our families problems. (1 Corinthians 4:20 1 Thessalonians 1:5)

This lack of being ‘led’ by the ‘Holy Spirit’ also puts them back into the ‘flesh’ and under the ‘law’. (Galatians 5:16, 18)

As Christians, we need to be very cautious about supporting para-church ministries that are based on ‘Unsound Doctrine’. By using God’s money to support this work, we may be helping it to appear as the Lord’s work; because if it grows it is considered successful by man’s standards.

The world will always support this kind of work because it is based on good, and it soothes their ‘itching ears’. (2 Timothy 4:3)

No matter what is said, the main motivation behind this ‘Unsound Doctrine’ is money. (Micah 3:11)

It is also said that in their broadcasts, they select ‘practical topics’ that will interest people with no Christian commitment. That the presentation is ‘subtle’ and ‘inoffensive’. This in turn will make the people ‘more open’ to the ‘Gospel of Jesus Christ’.

This isn’t what the Bible says about Jesus. He is a ‘Rock of Offence’. (1 Peter 2:8 Romans 9:33) And we are not to preach about Him with man’s wisdom of words. (1 Corinthians 1:17-21)

Another area that is ‘Unsound in Doctrine’ in “Focusing on the Family” is that you cannot mix Christianity and Psychology and come out with the ‘Pure Truth’.

You cannot mix the ‘Lord’ and Freud; there is no ‘Fear of the Lord’ when you do. (Zeph. 1:4, 5 2 Kings 17:34-41).

There is no ‘gray’ area when it comes to Jesus. Only ‘light and darkness’ (1 John 1:5-7) Whenever a ‘gray’ area creeps in, it is man trying to add to God’s ‘Sound Doctrine’.

In these last days, we as Christians, need to discern the spirits. (1 Corinthians 12:7, 10 1 John 4:1) If a ‘so called’ ministry is not coming out of God’s ‘True Church’, the ‘Body of Christ’, there is no ‘Spiritual Accountability’. (2 Chronicles 19:11)

Therefore, Doctrine can become ‘muddled’ with man’s philosophies (Colossians 2:8)

The Bible says that we are to preach the Word outright, not to be subtle (2 Timothy 4:2), and that the Word is to be used for our instruction and reproof. (2 Timothy 3:16)

We are to preach the Word ‘Boldly’, not subtly. (Acts 9:27 14:3 18:26 19:8 Eph. 6:19, 20 )

In the overview, it seems that “Focusing on the Family” is a subtle and inoffensive technique of presenting the family first, in hopes of leading some people to the Lord.

This is like putting the proverbial cart before the horse! Let’s get them Saved first, then worry about the family! Also, by preserving ‘traditional values’, and ‘establishing the institution of the family’, this maintains a hold on the people who become involved; so that they will depend on these ‘psychological’ answers to their problems and not the real answer, which is ‘Jesus Christ’ through the ‘Power of the Holy Spirit’! Amen!

# UNSOUND DOCTRINE

## PART 5

### THE ERROR OF THE DOCTRINE OF “FOCUSING ON THE FAMILY”

In order to better understand the problem with the ‘Unsound Doctrine’ of “Focusing on the Family”, let us examine the meaning of ‘Focus’ and ‘Family’.

**The Dictionary says:**

**Focus:** To center the vision upon; to bring to a focus; any central point of activity or attention.

**Family:** A group composed of parents and children; a household group; a tribe or clan; lineage.

**There are two main errors involved with “Focusing on the Family”.**

**The first error** is to have unbelievers ‘focusing’ on the ‘family’ first, and then lead them to the Lord. This is like saying, ‘let’s solve our problem first’, then you can come to Jesus.

We don’t do this with drug addicts, drunks, prostitutes etc. We tell them to come just as they are and let Jesus clean them up. (Matthew 11:28) That way, Jesus gets the credit. When man gets involved with the problem solving first, he gets the credit.

**The second error** in “Focusing on the Family”, is that once you get caught up in man’s programs, you stay. By temporarily solving the families problems through psychology, people tend to continue to turn to man for the answers, not Jesus.

Just look at ‘AA’ and similar organizations. This is not to put them down, but once you are in, it’s for life.

Jesus ‘sets you free’, and you stay free! (John 8:31, 32, 36)

Timothy II is a perfect example of this. Jesus set me free from alcohol in one step, and I have’t had nor wanted a drink since.

### THE BIBLE SAYS:

**Ps 127:1**

1 **Except the Lord build the ‘house’, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.**

## **JESUS SAID ‘NOT’ TO FOCUS ON THE FAMILY:**

### **Matt 10:34-37**

34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: **I came not to send peace, but a sword.**

35 **For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.**

36 **And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.**

37 **He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.**

### **Mark 10:29-30**

29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, **There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,**

30 **But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.**

### **Luke 14:26**

26 **If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.**

## **WHAT IF WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE FAMILY WHEN JESUS COMES AGAIN?**

### **Matt 24:37-39**

37 **But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

38 For as in the days that were before the flood **they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,**

39 **And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

### **Luke 17:26-30**

26 And as it was in the days of Noe, **so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.**

27 They did eat, they drank, **they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.**

28 **Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot;** they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 **But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.**

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

## **SEEK HIS KINGDOM FIRST!**

### **Matt 6:31-34**

31 **Therefore take no thought**, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) **for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.**

33 **But seek ye first the kingdom of God**, and his righteousness; **and all these things shall be added unto you.**

34 **Take therefore no thought for the morrow:** for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

### **Luke 12:30-32**

30 **For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.**

31 **But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

## **GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF OUR FAMILY:**

The Bible teaches that if we will 'Fear the Lord', our family will be taken care of. That's a promise!

### **Ps 112:1-3**

1 Praise ye the Lord. **Blessed is the man that 'Feareth the Lord', that delighteth greatly in his commandments.**

2 **His 'seed' shall be mighty upon earth:** the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 **Wealth and riches shall be in his 'house':** and his righteousness endureth for ever.

### **Ps 127:2-5**

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 **Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.**

4 **As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.**

5 **Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:** they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

### **Ps 128:1-6**

1 **Blessed is every one that 'Feareth the Lord'; that walketh in his ways.**

2 **For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.**

3 **Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.**

4 **Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that 'Feareth the Lord'.**

5 The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 **Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.**

## **PROBLEMS IN THE FAMILY:**

We can always expect problems in the family. Paul said if you marry you will have trouble in the flesh, and it will take your mind off of Jesus. That is why, no matter what state we are in, we must keep our 'focus on Jesus'.

### **1 Cor 7:27-38**

27 Art thou bound unto a wife? **seek not to be loosed.** Art thou loosed from a wife? **seek not a wife.**

28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. **Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh:** but I spare you.

29 But this I say, brethren, **the time is short:** it remaineth, that both **they that have wives be as though they had none;**

30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

31 And they that use this world, as not abusing it: **for the fashion of this world passeth away.**

32 But I would have you without carefulness. **He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:**

33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. **The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit:** but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 **And this I speak for your own profit;** not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and **that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.**

36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.

37 Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.

38 So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but **he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.**

When we have problems in the family, we don't run to Freud for the answers, we go to Jesus;

**Heb 4:14-16**

14 **Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,** let us hold fast our profession.

15 **For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities;** but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

Sometimes, the Lord may actually be allowing problems in the family in order to get our attention:

**Prov 3:11-12**

11 My son, **despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:**

12 **For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth;** even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

## **NOAH, ABRAHAM, SARAH AND MOSES:**

These faithful men and women of God had families, but didn't 'focus on them', or else they would have missed the promises of God.

**NOAH:**

Noah focused on the building of the ark!

**Heb 11:7**

7 **By faith Noah,** being warned of God of things not seen as yet, **moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house;** by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

**ABRAHAM:**

If Abraham had focused on his son, he would have missed his promise.

**Heb 11:8**

8 **By faith Abraham,** when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, **obeyed;** and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

**Heb 11:17**

17 **By faith Abraham,** when he was tried, **offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,**

He was also told to leave his kindred (family).

**Acts 7:2-3**

2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

3 And said unto him, **Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred,** and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

**SARAH:**

Sarah learned to focus on God and not man, for her promise!

**Heb 11:11**

11 **Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed,** and was delivered of a child when she was past age, **because she judged him faithful who had promised.**

**MOSES:**

Moses certainly didn't focus on his adopted family.

**Heb 11:24-28**

24 **By faith Moses,** when he was come to years, **refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;**

25 **Choosing rather to suffer affliction** with the people of God, **than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;**

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

**ALL OF THEM:**

**Heb 11:13**

13 **These all died in faith,** not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, **and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**

**GOD'S FAMILY:**

Once we truly accept Jesus Christ into our hearts, we belong to a bigger 'family', the 'Family of God'.

**Eph 2:19-22**

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;**

20 **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

**Eph 3:14-15**

14 For this cause **I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

15 **Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,**

**John 14:2-3**

2 **In my Father's house are many mansions:** if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And we are all the children of God.

**Rom 8:16**

16 **The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

**Gal 3:26**

26 **For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**

And we are called Sons/Daughters:

**I Jn 3:1-2**

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, **that we should be called the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 **Beloved, now are we the sons of God,** and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

**Gal 3:27-29**

27 **For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, **there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

And because we are Sons/Daughters:

**Gal 4:6-7**

6 **And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.**

7 **Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.**

Therefore, we shall receive chastening:

**Heb 12:5-13**

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which **speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord**, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 **For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.**

7 **If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?**

8 **But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.**

9 Furthermore **we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us**, and we gave them reverence: **shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits**, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

## **AS CHRISTIANS, WE DO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OUR FAMILIES:**

In our own house:

**1 Tim 5:8**

8 **But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.**

As Leaders in the Church:

**1 Tim 3:2**

2 **A bishop then must be blameless**, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

**1 Tim 3:4-5**

4 **One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection** with all gravity;

5 **(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)**

**Titus 1:5-6**

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and **ordain elders** in every city, as I had appointed thee:

6 **If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.**

We are to teach ‘Sound Doctrine’ about the family, in the church:

**Titus 2:1-5**

1 **But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:**

2 **That the aged men** be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 **The aged women likewise**, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 **That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,**

5 **To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands**, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

**Acts 5:42**

42 **And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.**

## **AS CHRISTIANS, WILL ALL OUR FAMILY BE SAVED?**

The promise of Salvation is also to our children, if we truly answer His Call. How do we know we are Called? By Repenting and receiving Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, and then acting upon it.

**Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the **promise is unto you, and to your children**, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

These people in the Bible received Jesus, and their whole families were Saved, why not yours?

**CORNELIUS:**

**Acts 10:1-2**

1 **There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion** of the band called the Italian band,

2 **A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house**, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

**Acts 11:11-14**

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

12 And the spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14 Who shall tell thee words, **whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.**

**LYDIA:**

**Acts 16:14-15**

14 **And a certain woman named Lydia**, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: **whose heart the Lord opened**, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 **And when she was baptized, and her household**, she besought us, saying, **If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there.** And she constrained us.

**Acts 16:40**

40 And they went out of the prison, **and entered into the house of Lydia:** and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

**THE PHILIPPIAN JAILOR:**

**Acts 16:31-34**

31 And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**

32 **And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.**

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; **and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.**

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, **believing in God with all his house.**

**CRISPUS:**

**Acts 18:8**

8 **And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house;** and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

**A STATEMENT FROM THE LORD:**

**“THE TRUTH IS IN THE LORD”!**

This Statement from the Bible was given to Timothy II for this Study Guide!

**Eph 4:17-24**

17 **This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,**

18 **Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:**

19 **Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.**

20 **But ye have not so learned Christ;**

21 **If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:**

22 **That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;**

23 **And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;**

24 **And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

## **CONCLUSION:**

## **WARNINGS:**

Jesus said that a Prophet has no honor in his family, so no matter how great the family is doing, it doesn't necessarily mean that the family is in the 'Will of God'.

**Matt 13:55-58**

55 **Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?**

56 **And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?**

57 **And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.**

58 **And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.**

**Mark 6:4-6**

4 **But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.**

5 **And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.**

6 **And he marvelled because of their unbelief.**

I believe in the family and the family structure; it was designed by God. However, sometimes families hold back their members from following God's plan for their lives.

**Luke 9:57-62**

57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, **Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.**

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but **the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.**

59 And he said unto another, **Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.**

60 Jesus said unto him, **Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.**

61 And another also said, **Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.**

62 And Jesus said unto him, **No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**

And it will get worst!

**2 Tim 3:1-2**

1 **This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.**

2 **For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,**

**2 Tim 3:5**

5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**

**2 Tim 4:3-4**

3 **For the time will come when they will not endure ‘Sound Doctrine’; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**

4 **And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

**CONCLUSION:****SOUND DOCTRINE FOR HUSBANDS AND WIVES:****1 Pet 3:1-8**

1 Likewise, **ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands;** that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3 **Whose adorning** let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 **But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even** the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

7 Likewise, **ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life;** that your prayers be not hindered.

8 **Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:**

## **FINAL CONCLUSION:** **DON'T LISTEN TO MAN'S DOCTRINE:**

**I Jn 2:26-28**

26 **These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.**

27 **But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.**

28 **And now, little children, abide in him;** that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

**Heb 3:1-6**

1 **Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;**

2 **Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.**

3 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as **he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.**

4 **For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.**

5 **And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;**

6 **But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.**

**AMEN**

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