

Part Two...

May we with conviction and courage follow the example of Jesus (1 Peter 2:18) and diligently teach the truth, in love, with sincere hope of reaching the sincere and honest souls among us today. It is our fervent desire that ones today will (like the Samaritan woman and others in the first century) hear, believe and worship God as He has specified.

Our Motives

When an individual is struggling, close to falling away from their Lord, it is natural to be very concerned. Then, especially when one turns away from the truth, becomes an advocate for false ideas and concepts, then there **MUST** be those who will stand up and defend the faith (Phil. 1:7, 17; Jude 3). For what purpose would one take a stand. Note a few reasons found in the Holy Scriptures:

LOVE AND CONCERN

Romans 10:1-3 - My heart's desire

Between, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. ¹⁰For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. ¹¹For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) Our heart's desire is for all to be saved.
- (2) It is possible to have a zeal but not according to the truth.
- (3) One may be ignorant (which only means that they have not been taught the truth).
- (4) It is also possible for one to try to be righteous as they have determined what is necessary in order to be righteous.
- (5) It is further possible for one to be religious but not according to God's righteousness.
- (6) Salvation is found **ONLY** in the way of God.

Jude 8-10

Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. ⁹Was Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. ¹⁰ But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) An archangel did not "rail" against the devil as he was contending for the truth.
- (2) He said "The Lord rebuke thee."
- (3) Because of love for the precious soul we speak and urge others to follow the truth.
- (4) Compare 1 Peter 3:9, not rendering railing for railing.
- (5) Compare 2 Peter 2:11, not to bring railing accusation against others.
- (6) Stand for truth. Defend the truth. But speak in love - Christ-like.

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- (2) In preaching the truth, one will reprove, rebuke and exhort (2 Tim. 4:2) - according to the doctrine of Christ, the standard.
- (3) Some refuse the sound doctrine of Christ.
- (4) Some will turn away from the truth and will turn to fables.
- (5) The idea of letting all others alone and then embrace and fellowship all ways is false!

Titus 1:9-11 - Stop the mouths

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. ¹⁰For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: ¹¹Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) There is a faithful word - the way of truth.
- (2) We must hold on to the word - never a mere idea or way of man.
- (3) By sound teaching we are to exhort and convince the vain talkers and false teachers.

- (4) In fact, the Scriptures demand of us that we stop the mouths of those who subvert others.

Acts 20:26-31 - Preach whole counsel!

Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. ²⁷For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. ²⁸Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. ²⁹For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. ³¹Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I could not to waste every one night and day with tears.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) We are obligated to teach the entire (whole) counsel of God.
- (2) Jesus built (Matt. 16:18) one church, purchased with His own blood.
- (3) Religions (churches) of men are not the same as the Lord's church.
- (4) Grievous wolves have entered in and seek to destroy the flock of God.
- (5) False teachers speak perverse doctrines which will not save.
- (6) We must teach, exhort and warn others of the false and foolish ways of man.

Matthew 28:19-20 - Great Commission

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

What We Learn From Scripture

- (1) Our duty to Christ involves teaching everyone.
- (2) In the parallel account in Mark. 16 we are told to preach the gospel (the specified message).
- (3) Every soul needs to hear (be taught) what our Lord has commanded us to do to be saved and to remain saved.

(Continued Next Week (Lord Willing))