

1. This morning we will continue the study of Second Timothy where Paul from prison writes to Timothy in Ephesus. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material at point 19 on page three.
2. For a written and/or audio presentation of this lesson go to *westbankbiblechurch.com* and *click-on streaming audio of services*.
3. Before we continue, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
4. When the clock tolled 11:30 last week I was in the process of finishing-up the *Doctrine of False Communicators*.

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2Ti 3:1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

2Ti 3:2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,

2Ti 3:4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God --

2Ti 3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

5. There were many false teachers actively resisting the Lord during the Age of Israel, the Kingdom Age, the Interim Age and the Church Age.

New Testament False Teachers

1. There were false teachers in Corinth teaching there was no "bodily resurrection." 1Co 15:14-16
2. There were false teachers in Corinth who were critical of Paul's speech, devotion to grace and his appearance. 1Co 11:3-16
3. There were false teachers at Jerusalem in c. A.D. 68 who mixed Judaism and Christianity, e.g., Hebrews chapters 1-8. Let me give you a few selected passages: Heb 3:1-6; 4:8-12; 5:11-14

4. There were false teachers who came from Jerusalem to Galatia, particularly Antioch, to teach a doctrine of salvation and spirituality by faith and works.
5. These legalists also taught false doctrine about circumcision which Paul, Barnabas and Peter successfully resisted. Gal 2:1-5; 2:21-22; Acts 15:1-25
 - 5.1 Peter testified to the legalist in Jerusalem concerning his encounter with Cornelius and his friends. Peter wowed them with his testimony.
 - 5.2 Let me refresh your memories of the events described in Acts chapter ten when the Holy Spirit taught Peter a lesson. A lesson he would share with James as the leader of the Christian Jews in Jerusalem.
6. There were false teachers teaching post tribulation and partial tribulation theories of the rapture; they seem to abound in Thessalonica. 2Th 2:1-12
7. There were false teachers who tried to put church age saints back under the Mosaic law. 1Ti 1:3-11
8. There were false teachers who, it would seem, love to obfuscate the truth with speculation which at least in part contradict the Scriptures; they love to wax eloquent with reference to "knowledge and science." 1Ti 6:20-21
9. False teachers in every age, pervasively will abound in various forms; spanning the gamut from do-gooder legalist to antinomian despisers of morality. 2Ti 3:1-13
10. Paul in the book of Titus tells that on the island of Crete there are false teachers who love to speak of the merits of the law, discoursing on genealogies, endless contentions and pontifications. Paul urges Titus to confront these false communicators and to protect the congregates by urging Pastors to teach sound doctrine. Tit 1:10-14; 3:9-10
11. Peter warns against the perils of false teachers in 2Pe 2:1-3.
12. John in 1Jo 2:18-19 warns against false teachers much in the same way as Peter. These false teachers, like those warned against by Peter, would deny the Lord that bought them.

13. John warned they would gain a following and cast a shadow on the way of truth - "They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them--bringing swift destruction on themselves."

14. In 1Jo 2:22-23 we have a warning that "little antichrists" abound who deny the Father and the Son. Their purpose would be mercenary; they would be motivated through covetousness - "John reminds his readers that these little antichrist in their greed will exploit you."

15. The judgment of false teachers is said to be a certainty. 1Pe 2:3-14

16. Their perversion of Christian conviviality and sociability is warned against in 2Pe 2:13. "They carouse in broad daylight reveling in carnal pleasures with eyes full of adultery while "worming" their way into local-churches."

17. Their crassly selfish motivation is described as being similar to Balaam. False teachers are often motivated by approbation, prestige and monetary gain. 2Pe 2:15

18. Their spiritual barrenness, even though saved, is further delineated in 1Pe 2:20-22.

19. False teachers should surprise none of us given the fact the Scriptures tell us Satan is capable of becoming a minister of light just as are his ministers.

20. To ascertain the true from the false we have the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit; Pastors need to document what they teach and avoid teaching what is not in the Scripture.

2Co 11:13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

21. There are false teachers in substance and motivation. First, we will look at several unnamed teachers and then we will take a look at several specific individuals.

Phi 1:14 Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

Phi 1:15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

Phi 1:16 The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

Phi 1:17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

Phi 1:18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,

1Ti 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

1Ti 1:20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2Ti 4:13 The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.

2Ti 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:

2Ti 4:15 Of whom *you must beware*; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

2Ti 4:16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

2Ti 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

2Ti 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

22. Many think Hymenaeus was a teacher in Ephesus; he is mentioned along with Alexander in 2Ti 2:17 (*see page five*), as a false teacher.

1Ti 1:20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2Ti 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2Ti 2:17 And their word will eat as doth a cancer (**Gangraina**): of whom is *Hymenaeus and Philetus*;

2Ti 2:18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

22.1 It is difficult to determine the exact nature of Hymenaeus' and Philetus' false teachings. It would seem, they were at best distorting pre-trib/pre-mil eschatology.

22.2 There is an Alexander mentioned in Acts 19:33. The Alexander of Acts 19:33 may be the same as the Alexander of 1Ti 1:20; there are others who believe he was simply a Jew who wanted to speak to the crowds in Ephesus.

Acts 19:30 Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him.

Acts 19:31 Even some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater.

Acts 19:32 The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there.

Acts 19:33 The Jews pushed Alexander to the front, and some of the crowd shouted instructions to him. He motioned for silence in order to make a defense before the people.

Acts 19:34 But when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for about two hours: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

23. Alexander is more than likely also the Alexander of 2Ti 4:14 (*see page four*) who opposed Paul's apostolic teaching and testified against him.

23.1 The phrase "delivered unto Satan" in 1Ti 1:20 has been interpreted by most expositors to mean an apostolic imposition of some extraordinary chastisement, perhaps similar to that ordered by Paul in 1Co 5:5 (see page six).

1Co 5:1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

1Co 5:2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

1Co 5:3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,

1Co 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1Co 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

23.2 Paul (*see page four*) commands Timothy in 2Ti 4:15 to beware of Alexander, who has openly attacked the truth.

23.3 This would seem to be in keeping with the principles of separation.

24 Let's look at one other infamous reversionist of Paul's day and most likely also a false teacher - Demas.

24.1 Demas is mentioned three times in the New Testament (Col 4:14; 2Ti 4:10; Phm 24).

Col 4:14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.

24.2 Demas may be a shortened form of Demetrius.

24.3 He was a believer, and was evidently with Paul when he wrote Colossians and Philemon.

Phm 1:24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellow laborers.

24.4 Later, when writing Second Timothy, Paul pens the dismal fact that Demas had forsaken him, "having loved this present world."

2Ti 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

25. Wycliffe in his Encyclopedia has the following to say concerning Hymenaeus, Philetus and Demas.

“HYMENAEUS A teacher in Ephesus (perhaps), mentioned in 1Ti 1:20 and 2Ti 2:17, condemned by Paul for false teaching. He appears to have rejected the apostolic teaching of Paul. For this Paul delivered him over to Satan to teach him the error of blaspheming ... The second error of Hymenaeus was the affirmation that the resurrection had already taken place. Like cancer, the error was apparently spreading and doing injury to the faith of certain persons ... Again, it may have been a teaching that the resurrection was spiritual in nature ... and not a bodily resurrection ... these heretical views are recorded by 2nd century writers (Justin Martyr, Irenaeus and Tertullian).

“PHILETUS Mentioned but once in the Bible (2Ti 2:17). Paul warns against him and Hymenaeus whose teachings undermined the faith. They were Gnostics and their specific error was the Gnostic teaching that there is no future resurrection of the body--the body is entirely evil and therefore irrelevant--but only a "spiritual experience" which occurs at salvation. Thus, they were saying that those who have spiritual enlightenment have already enjoyed the real blessing of resurrection. This Gnostic denial of the bodily resurrection was destroying the faith of some in Paul's day.

“DEMAS Mentioned three times in the NT (Col 4:14; 2Ti 4:10; Phm 1:24). This may be a shortened form of Demetrius. He was a believer, and was evidently with Paul when he wrote Colossians and Philemon. Later, when writing II Timothy, Paul pens the dismal fact that Demas had forsaken him, "having loved this present world."

26. That there are false teachers in the Tribulation goes without saying given the existence and extensive teaching of the Antichrist, False Prophet and the head of the Babylonian Whore Church. Clearly the Antichrist will be the ultimate false teacher.

Rev 13:4 Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

Rev 13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.

Rev 13:6 He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

Rev 13:7 He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

Rev 13:8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast-- all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

27. The only evidence of false teaching in the Millennium is that of Satan at the end of the 1000-year reign of Christ. Be sure and pray for our collective wisdom concerning prevalent false doctrine in vogue today. The source of wisdom is the consistent intake of the Word.

28. Now let's see what we can learn from 2Ti 3:6-13.

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2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

2Ti 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

2Ti 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

2Ti 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

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2Ti 3:6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires,

2Ti 3:7 always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth -- men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.

2Ti 3:9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

2Ti 3:10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,

2Ti 3:11 persecutions, sufferings -- what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

2Ti 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

2Ti 3:13 while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

29. I think the best way to teach these eight verses is to review the Doctrine of the Old Sin Nature.

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